

tion to the destruction of wild geese and ducks, &c., reported a bill entitled,

“An act to prohibit the destruction of wild game in this State,”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Wright, was read.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the bill entitled,

“An act to divorce Virginia Chandler from her husband Jesse Chandler,”

Was read a second time by its title.

On motion of Mr. Ware, the bill entitled,

“A further supplement to an act entitled, ‘An act to incorporate the New Castle County Mutual Insurance Company,’ passed at Dover, February 6, 1849,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Ware, the bill entitled,

“An act for the relief of R. R. Robinson & Co.,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to a special committee of three,

Whereupon,

Messrs. Ware, Holcomb and Cochran, were appointed said committee.

On motion of Mr. Ware, the bill entitled,

“A supplement to an act to incorporate the Rehoboth Beach Camp Meeting Association of the Methodist Episcopal Church, passed at Dover, January 27, 1873,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Ware, the bill entitled,

“An act to prohibit horses, cattle, sheep and swine from running at large within the limits of the grounds or land of the Rehoboth Beach Camp Meeting Association of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Sussex county,”

Was read a second time, by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Ware, the bill entitled,

“An act in relation to taxation in certain parts of the ninth ward of the city of Wilmington,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Ware, the bill entitled,

“An act to amend the act to re-incorporate the Farmers’ Mutual Fire Insurance Company of the State of Delaware, passed at Dover, March 5, 1876,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Ware, the bill entitled,

“An act to incorporate the Jessup & Moore Paper Company,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Ware, the bill entitled,

“An act to amend Chapter 73 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware, entitled, ‘Of the City of Wilmington,’ ”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Wright, the bill entitled,

“An act to provide a punishment for fraud,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Wright, the bill entitled,

“An act in relation to the entering of Judgment Bonds,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Wright, the bill entitled,

“An act to amend Chapter 128 of the Revised Code, entitled,
“Offenses against Private Property,””

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Morris, the bill entitled,

“An act to repeal Chapter 184 of the Current Volume of Delaware Laws, entitled ‘Mechanics’ Lien,’”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Messick, the bill entitled,

“An act to amend Chapter 444 of Volume 13, of the Laws of Delaware, entitled, ‘Of Ditches,’”

Was taken up for consideration.

On motion of Mr. Messick,

The bill was ordered to be read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

Mr. Holcomb moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was ordered to a third reading,

Which motion *Prevailed.*

On motion of Mr. Messick,

The amendment reported from the committee was read,

And, upon his further motion,

Was *Adopted.*

On motion of Mr. Messick,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And *Passed the House.*

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Bird, the bill entitled,

“An act to regulate the standard for oats in the State of Delaware,”

Was read a second time, by its title.

On motion of Mr. Bird, the bill entitled,

“An act in relation to the exemption of wages from execution attachment,”

Was read a second time by its title.

Mr. Bird presented the claim of James H. Todd,

Which, on his motion,

Was referred to the committee on Claims.

On motion of Mr. Cochran, the bill entitled,

“An act in relation to Free Schools in the State of Delaware,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Bartholomew, the Senate bill entitled,

“An act to renew and re-enact the Charter of St. Joseph’s Beneficial Society of Brandywine, Delaware,”

Was read.

Mr. Wright on behalf of the committee on Revised Statutes, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

“An act to amend the act entitled, ‘An act to amend Chapter 7, Revised Code of 1852, as published in amended Code of 1874, passed at Dover, January 26th, 1877,’”

Reported the same back to the House,

With a recommendation that the bill pass.

Mr. Holcomb moved,

That the bill just reported from the committee be taken up for consideration,

Which motion

Prevailed.

And, upon his further motion,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Burnite, the bill entitled,

"An act to authorize the laying out of a new public road in North Murderkill and South Murderkill hundreds, in Kent county,"

Was taken up for consideration.

And, upon his further motion,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And *Passed the House.*

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, the bill entitled,

"An act to repeal Chapter 389, Volume 14, Delaware Laws, entitled, 'An act to prohibit Justices of the Peace or Constables, from taking costs in criminal cases, &c., unless where it is expressly provided by statutes, &c,'"

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Nicholson, in pursuance of previous notice, asked,

And, on motion of Mr. Bird,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to provide for the arrest of persons violating the laws of this State, and to appropriate money to pay for such arrests,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Nicholson, was read.

On motion of Mr. Burnite, the bill entitled,

"An act to consolidate School Districts Nos. 50 and 108 in Kent county, under the title of 'The Magnolia Public Schools,'"

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

Was re-committed to the committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Cochran, the bill entitled,

"An act to promote the education of the colored people, and for other purposes,"

Was taken up for consideration,
 And, upon his further motion,
 Was re-committed to the committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Cochran, the bill entitled,
 "An act to prohibit live stock from running at large in School
 District No. 67, in New Castle County,"

Was taken up for consideration,
 And, upon his further motion,
 Was read a third time, by paragraphs,
 And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Mustard, the bill entitled,
 "An act to amend Chapter 3 of the Revised Code as amended,"
 Was read a second time by its title,
 And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Ware, in pursuance of previous notice, asked,

And, on motion of Mr. Holcomb,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Bradford Paint Company,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Ware, was read.

Mr. Ware, in pursuance of previous notice, asked,

And, on motion of Mr. Holcomb,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to confirm and establish an act entitled, 'An act to provide
 a sinking fund for the payment of the city debt of Wilmington,'"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Ware, was read.

Mr. Ware, in pursuance of previous notice, asked,

And, on motion of Mr. Cochran,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“A further supplement to the act entitled, ‘An act to limit the city debt of Wilmington, and provide for the discharge thereof,’”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Ware, was read.

Mr. Wright, in pursuance of previous notice, asked,

And, on motion of Mr. Brown,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to provide for the better protection of the traveling public, and to insure the prompt transportation and delivery of fruits and freights,”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Wright, was read.

Mr. Ware, in pursuance of previous notice, asked,

And, on motion of Mr. Bird,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to further amend Chapter 73 of the Revised Code, entitled, of the city of Wilmington,”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Ware, was read.

On motion, the House adjourned until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

SAME DAY—3 o'clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Hall, the bill entitled,

“An act to divorce Lucy S. Babcock, and Grove L. Babcock from the bonds of matrimony,”

Was taken up for consideration,
 And, upon his further motion,
 The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs,
 And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Taylor, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in the following bills, viz :

“An act to repeal and supply Chapter 437, Volume 14, Delaware Laws;”

“A supplement to an act entitled ‘An act to incorporate the Brandywine Water Power Company,’ passed at Dover, February 12, 1867,”

And presented the same to the House ;

Also, that the Senate had concurred in the following House bills, viz :

“An act to amend Section 2 of Chapter 83, Volume 15, Delaware Laws;”

“An act to divorce Susan Walt and Geo. A. Walt from the bonds of matrimony;”

“An act to authorize the appointment of guardians by the Chancellor or a Judge of the Orphans’ Court in vacation;”

“An act to organize the Maryland and Delaware Railroad after the foreclosure and sale, by that or some other name that may hereafter be adopted, and to incorporate the same into a body politic;”

“An act to divorce Sallie J. Wright from her husband, John B. Wright,”

And returned the same to the House.

Mr. Wright, on behalf of the committee on Revised Statutes, to whom was referred the petition of Jacob Deakayne and others, in relation to collectors of Blackbird hundred, also the petition of Richard F. Hanson and others, in relation to collectors of Appoquinimink hundred, in New Castle county,

Reported a bill entitled,

"An act for the relief of the collectors in Appoquinimink and Blackbird hundreds, in New Castle county,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Cochran, was read.

On motion of Mr. Robinson, the bill entitled,

"An act to divorce Joseph C. Johnson and Leah J. Johnson his wife, from the bonds of matrimony,"

Was read a second time by its title.

On motion of Mr. Robinson, the bill entitled,

"An act to divorce Joseph B. Lingo, and Ellen Lingo, his wife, from the bonds of matrimony,"

Was read a second time by its title.

Mr. Morris on behalf of the committee on Roads and Highways, to whom was referred sundry petitions, praying a stock law in School Districts Nos. 73, 73½ and 139 in Sussex county, reported a bill entitled,

"An act to prevent live stock from running at large in School Districts Nos. 73, 73½ and 139, in Sussex county,"

Which, on his motion, was read.

On motion of Wright, the bill entitled,

"An act to amend Section 3, Chapter 104, of the Revised Code,"

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Wright moved,

That the amendment reported from the committee be read,

Which motion

Prevailed,

And, upon his further motion,

The amendment was

Adopted.

And, on motion of Mr. Wright,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Wright, the bill entitled,

“An act to amend Section 14 of Chapter 89, of the Revised Code, relating to the giving of security by executors and administrators,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Cochran presented the petition of J. J. Whaley and 42 other colored persons, praying the passage of the bill now before the legislature, entitled,

“An act to promote the education of colored people and for other purposes,”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Cochran, was read,

And referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Cochran, in pursuance of previous notice, asked,

And, on motion of Mr. Mustard,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to prohibit live stock from running at large on the public highways, in School District No. 59, in New Castle county,”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Cochran, was read.

Mr. Ware presented the petition of John Ferenbach and others, praying a modification of the law regulating the sale of liquor in this State,

Which,

On motion of Mr. Ware, was read,

And referred to the special committee raised on that subject.

On motion of Mr. Cochran, the bill entitled,

“An act to enable the owners and possessors of the St. Augustine Marsh Company effectually to embank and drain the same,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, the bill entitled,

"A further supplement to the act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Duck Creek Improvement Company,'"

Was taken up for consideration.

And, upon his further motion,

Was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Wright, on behalf of the committee on Revised Statutes, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

"An act to repeal Chapters 173 and 174 of the 15th Volume of the Laws of the State of Delaware,"

Reported the same back to the House,

With a recommendation that the bill pass.

On motion of Mr. Wright, the bill just reported from the committee,

Was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion,

Was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Ware, the bill entitled,

"An act to amend the Charter of the City of Wilmington,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

Was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

And, upon the question "Shall this bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Brown, Cochran, Hall, Holcomb, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Nicholson, Rickards, Robinson, Saulsbury, Taylor, Thompson, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker—18.

Nays—None.

The bill having received the constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Brown, the bill entitled,

“An act to incorporate the Delaware State Grange Mutual Fire Insurance Company,”

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

And, upon the question, “Shall this bill pass the House?”

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Brown, Burnite, Cochran, Hall, Holcomb, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Rickards, Robinson, Saulsbury, Taylor, Thompson, Ware and Wright—16.

Nays—Mr. Nicholson—1.

The bill having received the constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Holcomb in pursuance of previous notice, asked,

And, on motion of Mr. Cochran,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to amend Chapter 145, Volume 13, Laws of Delaware,”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, was read.

Mr. Wright, on behalf of the committee on Revised Statutes, to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Hargadine and others, in relation to the corporate limits of the town of Leipsic, reported a bill entitled,

"A further additional supplement to the act entitled, 'An act to incorporate the town of Leipsic and for other purposes, passed at Dover February 26, 1852,'"

Which, on his motion, was read.

Mr. Taylor, in pursuance of previous notice, asked,

And, on motion of Mr. Thompson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to enable Thomas P. Walls to sell certain real estate in Sussex county, and make title to the same,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Taylor, was read.

Also, presented a letter from Thomas P. Walls,

Which on his motion, was filed with the bill.

On motion of Mr. Brown, the Senate bill entitled,

"A supplement to the act entitled, 'An act to incorporate the Smyrna Building and Loan Association of the Town of Smyrna, passed at Dover, March 12, 1867,'"

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, the bill entitled,

"An act to prohibit live stock from running at large in School Districts Nos. 11 and 81, in New Kent county,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

Was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Ware presented the petition of C. B. Lore and 605 others, praying a law changing the boundaries of the wards in the City of Wilmington,

Which on his motion, was read,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Ware, in pursuance of previous notice, asked,

And, on motion of Mr. Holcomb,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to amend an act entitled ‘An additional supplement to the act entitled, ‘An act for the benefit of Public Schools, in Wilmington,’”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Ware, was read.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the bill entitled,

“An act exempting residents of this State from taxation on foreign investments,”

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Ware, the bill entitled,

“An act to incorporate the Masonic Hall Company of Newport, Delaware,”

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Bird, the bill entitled,

“An act to divorce Robert E. Randall from the bonds of matrimony,”

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Bird moved,

To read the bill a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

Pending the motion,

Mr. Mustard moved to postpone the further consideration of the bill until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Mr. Hall moved,

That the House now adjourns until 8 o'clock this evening,

Which motion

Prevailed.

SAME DAY—8 o'clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Bird moved that the bill entitled,

"An act to divorce Robert E. Randall from the bonds of matrimony,"

Be taken up for consideration.

Which motion

Prevailed.

Mr. Bird moved,

That the bill be read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

Mr. Bird asked,

And, on motion of Mr. Burnite,

Obtained leave to withdraw the motion to read the bill a third time by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

Mr. Burnite offered a resolution,

Which was read, as follows :

Resolved, That the House take a recess of one hour.

And, on motion of Mr. Burnite,

The resolution was

Adopted.

The hour having expired,

The Speaker announced that the bill entitled,

"An act to divorce Robert E. Randall from the bonds of matrimony,"

Was before the House for consideration.

Mr. Bird moved that the bill be read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

Which motion

Prevailed.

And the bill was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Holcomb moved,

That when the House adjourns it adjourns to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock,

Which motion

Prevailed.

On motion the House adjourned until 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, *March 2, 1877*—9 o'clock, A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The Speaker appointed, as special committee of five, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

"An act regulating the sale of spiritous, vinous or malt liquors,"

Messrs. Holcomb, Wright, Brown, Messick and Thompson.

Mr. Bird on behalf of the committee on Divorces, to whom was referred the petition of Sarah A. Butler asking to be divorced from her husband, George W. Butler,

Reported a bill entitled,

"An act to divorce Sarah A. Butler and her husband, George W. Butler, from the bonds of matrimony."

Mr. Thompson, on behalf of the special committee to whom was referred the petition of Isaac Wootten and others, praying an amendment to Chapter 580, Volume 11, Laws of Delaware, so as to require the Justice of the Peace to reside within one mile of the Village of Gumboro',

Reported adversely to the prayer of the petitioners.

Mr. Ware, in pursuance of previous notice, asked,
 And, on motion of Mr. Bird,
 Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,
 "An act in relation to taxation in certain parts of the city of Wil-
 mington,

Which,

On motion of Mr. Ware, was read.

On motion of Mr. Bird, the bill entitled,

"An act to regulate the standard for oats,"

Was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Ware, the bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Bradford Paint Company,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Ware, the bill entitled,

"An act to confirm and establish an act entitled, 'An act to pro-
 vide a Sinking Fund for the payment of the city debt of Wilmington,'"

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Ware, the bill entitled,

"An act to further amend Chapter 73 of the Revised Code enti-
 tled, 'Of the City of Wilmington,'"

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Ware, the bill entitled,

"A further supplement to the act entitled, 'An act to limit the city
 debt of Wilmington, and to provide for the discharge thereof,'"

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Ware, the bill entitled,

“An act to amend an act entitled, ‘An additional supplement to the act entitled, ‘An act for the benefit of Public Schools in Wilmington,’”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Ware, the Senate bill entitled,

“An act to incorporate the Masonic Hall Company, of Newport, Delaware,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Robinson, the bill entitled,

“An act to amend Chapter 59 of the Revised Code, relating to ditches,”

Was read a second time, by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Brown, the bill entitled,

“An act to lay out a public road in North Murderkill hundred, in Kent county,”

Was read a second time by its title.

On motion of Mr. Brown, the bill entitled,

“An act to incorporate the Agricultural Society of Kent county, at Dover,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Nicholson, the bill entitled,

“An act to provide for the arrest of persons violating the laws of this State, and appropriating money to pay for such arrests,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Messick, the bill entitled,

"An act to amend Chapter 192, Volume 15, of the Laws of Delaware,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Wright, the bill entitled,

"An act to provide for the better protection of the traveling public and to insure the prompt transportation and delivery of fruits and freights,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Wright, the bill entitled,

"A further additional supplement to the act entitled, 'An act to incorporate the town of Leipsic and for other purposes,' passed at Dover, February 26th, 1852,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Rickards, the bill entitled,

"An act to prohibit the destruction of wild game in this State,"

Was read a second time by its title.

On motion of Mr. Mustard, the bill entitled,

"An act to amend Chapter 418, Volume 14, Delaware Laws, entitled 'An act regulating the sale of intoxicating liquor,' passed at Dover, April 10, 1873,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Rickards moved,

That when the House adjourns it adjourns to meet on Monday next at 3 o'clock in the afternoon,

Which motion

Prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Bird, the bill entitled,

"An act in relation to the exemption of wages from execution attachments,"

Was taken up for consideration.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb,

The bill was referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the bill entitled,

“An act to amend Chapter 145, Volume 13, Laws of Delaware,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to a special committee of six members from New Castle county.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, the bill entitled,

“An act for the appointment of an additional Notary Public in Sussex county,”

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Wright, the bill entitled,

“An act in relation to the collecting of School Taxes in United School Districts Nos. 60, 90, 91, 92, 18 and 101, in Kent county, constituting the Dover Public Schools,”

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Wright, the bill entitled,

“An act in relation to purchasers of real estate sold by a trustee under an order of the Orphans' Court,”

Was taken up for consideration.

And, upon his further motion,

The bill was ordered to be read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

On motion of Mr. Wright,

The vote by which the bill was ordered to be read a third time, by paragraphs, was reconsidered,

And, upon his further motion,

The bill was re-committed to the committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Taylor, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had concurred in the following House bills, viz:

"An act to divorce Annie G. France and her husband Albert L. France from the bonds of matrimony;"

"An act to divorce Lucy S. Babcock and Grove L. Babcock, from the bonds of matrimony,"

And returned the same to the House.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the bill entitled,

"An act to divorce Virginia Chandler from her husband Jesse Chandler,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

Was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Cochran, the bill entitled,

"An act for the relief of the Collectors in Appoquinimink and Blackbird hundreds, in New Castle county,"

Was read a second time by its title.

On motion of Mr. Morris, the bill entitled,

"An act to prevent live stock from running at large in School Districts Nos. 73, 73½ and 139, in Sussex county,"

Was read a second time by its title,

Mr. Taylor, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had concurred in the House bill entitled,

"An act re-incorporating the town of Dover,"

With amendments.

On motion of Mr. Wright,

The Senate amendments were read as follows :

IN SENATE, *March 1, 1877.*

Amend the bill by striking out all between the word "to" in line 13 and the word "Westwardly" in line 18 of Section 2, and inserting in lieu thereof the following, "the line dividing the lands of J. Alexander Fulton and lands of "the Wilmington Conference Academy," and thence with the line dividing said lands."

Extract from Journal.

MERRIS TAYLOR,
Clerk of Senate.

IN SENATE, *March 2, 1877.*

Amend Section 6 in the 22nd line by striking out the word "two" in the same, and insert in lieu thereof the word "one."

Extract from Journal.

MERRIS TAYLOR,
Clerk of Senate.

Which, on motion of Mr. Wright,

Were

Concurred in.

Mr. Bird presented the petition of Daniel Callahan and 109 others asking the passage of a law giving protection to citizens of this State against citizens of other States,

Which, on his motion, was read and filed with the bill.

Mr. Cochran presented the petition of John Jarrel and 50 others, asking a local option law.

Mr. Nicholson presented the petition of John G. Jackson and 113 others, on the same subject; also, the petition of J. P. Shannon, on the same subject.

Mr. Ware presented the petition of George Springer and 299 others, on the same subject; also, the petition of William Powick and 40 others, on the same subject; also, the petition of Edward Betts and 815 others, on the same subject.

Mr. Mustard presented the petition of William A. Scott and 9 others, on the same subject.

Mr. Messick presented the petition of John Steel and 52 others, on the same subject;

Mr. Robinson presented the petition of B. Frank Wagamore and 92 others, on the same subject;

Mr. Wright presented the following petitions on the same subject :

The petition of William A. Blocksom and 81 others;

Also, the petition of Wm. R. Cahoon and 69 others;

Also, the petition of J. H. Caldwell and 185 others;

Also, the petition of John Hutsher and 36 others, on the same subject,

Which were, by order of the House, referred to the special committee on Local Option.

On motion the House adjourned until Monday next, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

MONDAY, *March 5*, 1877—3 o'clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. Burnite, the bill entitled,

“An act to revive, re-enact, amend and supplement the act entitled ‘An act to incorporate the Black Swamp Ditch Company, passed at Dover, February 10, 1841,’”

Was taken up for consideration.

The amendments reported from the committee,

Were, on motion of Mr. Burnite, read,

And, upon his further motion,

Were

Adopted.

And, upon his further motion,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House;

And, upon the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Brown, Burnite, Hall, Holcomb, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Nicholson, Rickards, Robinson, Taylor, Thompson, Wright and Mr. Speaker—14.

Nays—None.

The bill having received the constitutional majority

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Robinson presented the petition of B. Frank Wagamore and 90 others, praying a local option law,

Which, on his motion,

Was referred to the committee on Local Option.

Mr. Wright presented the petition of Edward Cartee and 33 others, praying a local option law.

Mr. Brown presented the following remonstrants against the passage of the bill entitled,

"An act regulating the sale of spiritous, vinous or malt liquors ;"

F. C. Mack and 101 others ;

M. Heath and 11 others ;

Stephen Martindale and 56 others ;

Samuel Conner and 4 others ;

William Gullet and 37 others ;

Ignatius T. Cooper and 22 others ;

Samuel Geddes and 21 others ;

Elbert Marcy and 13 others ;

Solomon Townsend and 19 others ;

George Knight and 9 others ;

Samuel J. Wood and 81 others ;

Which,

On motion of Mr. Brown,

Were referred to the committee raised on that subject.

Mr. Wright presented the following remonstrants to the same bill
viz.:

Thomas E. Terry and 90 others ;

Edward Davis and 33 others ;

John R. Dickson and 19 others ;

And Joseph V. Hoffecker and 142 others,

Which,

On motion of Mr. Wright,

Were referred to the special committee raised on that subject.

Mr. Messick presented the remonstrance of John Kinder and 98
others, on the same subject,

Which,

On motion of Mr. Messick,

Was referred to the committee raised on that subject.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the bill entitled,

“An act limiting the power of the Road Commissioners of New
Castle hundred to lay and collect a tax,”

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Holcomb offered an amendment,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And, upon his further motion,

Was

Adopted.

And, upon his further motion,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Taylor, Clerk of the Senate being admitted informed the House that the Senate had passed the following bills and requested the concurrence of the House, viz :

“A further supplement to an act entitled, ‘An act to incorporate the Trustees of the Home for Friendless and Destitute Children in the city of Wilmington ;’ ”

“An act to amend Chapter 176, Volume 4, Laws of Delaware ;”

“An act to authorize Wm. H. Donovan, to place two gates across a certain road running across his farm ;”

“An act to amend Chapter 353, Volume 14, Laws of Delaware,”

And presented the same to the House ;

Also, that the Senate had concurred in the following House bills, viz :

“An act to authorize the Recorder of Deeds in and for New Castle County to make certain index,”

With an amendment ;

“An act to amend Chapter 34, of the Revised Statutes, concerning Constables ;”

“A supplement to an act authorizing the owners and possessors of the marsh and low grounds, commonly called and known as Tappannah Marsh, situate in the Forest of Dover Hundred, in Kent county, to cut a ditch or drain through the same,”

And returned the same to the House.

Also, that the Senate had non-concurred in the following House bill entitled,

“An act to authorize the Levy Court of New Castle County to pay to Benjamin F. Townsend, \$18,000,”

And returned the same to the House.

Also, informed the House that the Senate requested the return to the Senate of the House bill entitled,

“An act to organize the Maryland and Delaware Railroad after the foreclosure and sale, by that or some other name that may hereafter be adopted, and to incorporate the same into a body politic.”

On motion of Mr. Brown, the bill entitled,

“An act to lay out a public road in North Murderkill Hundred, in Kent County,”

Was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion,

Was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Hall presented the claim of Messrs. James & Webb,

Which, on his motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion of Mr. Hall, the bill entitled,

“An act to provide for the registration of births, marriages and deaths,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to a special committee,

Whereupon,

Messrs. Hall, Mustard and Cochran were appointed said committee.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the bill entitled;

“An act for the relief of the collectors in Appoquinimink and Blackbird hundreds, in New Castle county,”

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

Was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Hall, the bill entitled,

“An act to constitute a State Board of Health and Vital Statistics,”

Was read a second time,

And referred to a special committee,

Whereupon,

Messrs. Hall, Mustard and Cochran were appointed said committee.

Mr. Nicholson, in pursuance of previous notice, asked,

And, on motion of Mr. Holcomb,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Summit Methodist Episcopal Church, of Pencader hundred,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Nicholson, was read.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb,

So much of the Governor's message as relates to Federal Usurpation, Was read.

Mr. Holcomb moved to refer that part of the Governor's message to a committee of three,

Which motion

Prevailed,

Whereupon,

Messrs. Holcomb, Burnite and Robinson were appointed said committee.

Mr. Holcomb in pursuance of previous notice, given by Mr. Ware, asked,

And, on motion of Mr. Mustard,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to divorce Annie T. Griffith from the bonds of matrimony,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, was read.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the Senate bill entitled,

"An act exempting residents of this State from taxation on foreign investments,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Rickards, the bill entitled,

"An act to prohibit the destruction of wild game in this State,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

Was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Mustard, in pursuance of previous notice, asked,

And, on motion of Mr. Hall,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to enable Betsey Burton to change a certain public road in Indian River hundred, Sussex county, Delaware,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Mustard, was read.

On motion of Mr. Robinson, the Senate bill entitled,

"An act to authorize Wm. H. Donovan, to place two gates across a certain road running across his farm,"

Was read.

Mr. Mustard presented the remonstrance of George A. Draper and 39 others, against the passage of the Senate bill just read,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And filed with the bill.

On motion of Wright, the bill entitled,

"An act in relation to the liability of principal and surety,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

Was recommitted to the committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the House bill entitled,

"An act to organize the Maryland and Delaware Railroad, after foreclosure and sale, by that or some other name that may hereafter be adopted, and to incorporate the same into a body politic,"

Which had been requested by the Senate to be returned to that body, was ordered to be returned to the Senate.

Mr. Wright presented the claim of Wilmer B. Smith ;

Also, the claim of Wm. A. Moore,

Which, on motion of Mr. Wright,

Were referred to the committee on Claims.

On motion, the House adjourned until 10 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, *March 6*, 1877—10 o'clock, A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. P. Coombe.

Mr. Taylor, Clerk of the Senate being admitted informed the House that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in the following bills, viz :

“An act to amend Chapter 72, Volume 14, Laws of Delaware ;”

“An act authorizing Isaac Cirwithin and Riley W. Bennett to lay out a public road on their own lands ;”

Also,

That the Senate had adopted the following Joint Resolution ;

“Joint Resolution appointing a committee to settle with the State Treasurer and the Auditor of Accounts, and to audit the accounts of the Clerks of the Legislature.”

Committee on the part of the Senate: Messrs. Ray, Causey and Fiddeman,

And presented the same to the House ;

Also, that the Senate had passed the following bill, and requested the concurrence of the House :

"An act to amend Chapter 48, Volume 15, Laws of Delaware;"

Also, that the Senate had adopted the following Joint Resolution:

"Joint Resolution providing for the adjournment of both Houses of the General Assembly, *sine die* on Thursday the 15th instant,"

Aud presented the same to the House;

Also, that the Senate had concurred in the following House bills, viz:

"An act to re-incorporate the town of St. Georges, and for other purposes,"

With an amendment;

"An act to repeal Chapters 173 and 174 of the 15th Volume of the Laws of the State of Delaware,"

With amendments;

"An act to amend Section 3, Chapter 104, of the Revised Code;"

"An act to amend the Charter of the City of Wilmington;"

"An act to amend the act entitled 'An act to amend Chapter 7, Revised Code of 1852, as published in amended Code of 1874,' passed at Dover, January 26, 1877;"

"An act to amend Chapter 152, Volume 15, Laws of Delaware, entitled, 'An act to incorporate the City of New Castle;'"

"An act to incorporate the Enterprise Building and Loan Association of the City of New Castle,"

And returned the same to the House.

Mr. Mustard presented the petition of William D. Lank and 22 others, asking local option,

Which was referred to the special committee raised on that subject.

Mr. Wright presented the remonstrance of Joseph Burchenal and 48 others, against the passage of the bill entitled,

"An act regulating the sale of spiritous, vinous or malt liquors,"

Which was referred to the special committee raised on that subject.

Mr. Taylor presented the petition of William B. Bowman and 71 others, asking a modification in the law regulating the sale of liquors in this State,

Which was referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Brown presented the remonstrance of S. B. Cooper and 32 others, against the passage of the bill regulating the sale of spiritous, vinous or malt liquors,

Which was referred to the special committee raised on that subject.

Mr. Robinson, on behalf of the committee on Enrollment, reported the following Senate bills and Joint Resolutions as duly and correctly enrolled, viz:

And presented the same for the signature of the Speaker of the House:

“An act for the redemption of State bonds;”

“An act to lay out of Private Road in Milford Hundred, Kent county, State of Delaware;”

“An act to repeal Chapter 445 of Volume 14, Delaware Laws;”

“An act authorizing the Levy Court Commissioners of Sussex County, of this State, to place snub posts on the bank of the Broad-kiln Creek, above and below the drawbridge;”

“A further supplement to the act entitled ‘An act establishing a college for Agricultural and Mechanic Arts in this State;’ ”

“An act to change the name of Ida Valentine Dilworth to the name of Ida Valentine, and to make her by adoption a daughter and heir-at-law of Alexander Valentine;”

“Joint Resolution in relation to the payment by the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad Company of a loan to the New Castle and Wilmington Railroad Company, and its re-investment;”

Also, the following House bills and joint resolutions, viz:

“An act to incorporate the Front and Union Street Railway Company;”

“An act providing for the merger of the New Castle and Wilmington Railroad Company into the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad Company, and also, for the merger of the New Castle and Frenchtown Turnpike and Railroad Company into the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad Company;”

“An act to amend an act entitled, ‘An act to incorporate the town of Middletown;’ ”

"An act to incorporate the Board of City Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the city of Wilmington ;"

"An act transferring certain real estate belonging to Richbell Allaband from School District No. 21 to United School Districts Nos. 113 and 13½, in Kent County ;"

"An act to incorporate the Wilmington Club in the city of Wilmington, Delaware ;"

"An act to incorporate the Board of Education of the Dover Public Schools ;"

"An act to incorporate the purchasers of the Wilmington and Reading Railroad ;"

"An act to amend Section 2 of Chapter 83, Volume 15, Delaware Laws ;"

"An act to divorce Susan Walt and George A. Walt, from the bonds of matrimony ;"

"An act to divorce Lucy S. Babcock and Grove L. Babcock from the bonds of matrimony ;"

"An act to divorce Annie G. France and her husband, Albert L. France, from the bonds of matrimony ;"

"Joint Resolution accepting an invitation of the Board of Public Education, of Wilmington ;"

"An act to authorize the appointment of guardians by the Chancellor or a Judge of the Orphans' Court in vacation ;"

"An act to divorce Augustus N. Southard and Ella D. Southard from the bonds of matrimony ;"

"An act transferring the home and mansion farm of George W. Horsey from School District No. 46, in Sussex county, to School District No. 51, in Sussex county ;"

"An act to amend Chapter 384, Volume 14, Laws of Delaware ;"

"An act to divorce Sallie J. Wright from her husband, John B. Wright."

Mr. Cochran, on behalf of the committee on Education, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

"An act authorizing and requiring the School Committee of School

District No. 161, in Sussex county, to raise three hundred dollars, and for other purposes,"

Reported the same back to the House without recommendation.

Mr. Wright, on behalf of the committee on Revised Statutes, to whom was referred sundry bills,

Reported the following bills back to the House, viz :

"An act to amend Chapter 3 of the Revised Code as amended ;"

"An act in relation to the exemption of wages from execution attachment ;"

"An act to amend Chapter 90 of the Revised Statutes, entitled 'Of the Sale of Lands by Executors and Administrators ;'"

"An act to amend Section 14 of Chapter 89, of the Revised Code, relating to the giving of security by executors and administrators ;"

"An act to confirm an ordinance of the City of Wilmington, vacating parts of Walnut, Spruce and Second Streets ;"

"An act in relation to the duty of hundred collectors receiving school tax duplicates ;"

"An act to provide for the better protection of the traveling public, and to insure the prompt transportation and delivery of fruits and freights,"

With a recommendation that they do pass ;

Also,

"An act to amend Chapter 192, Volume 15, of the Laws of Delaware ;"

"An act to amend Chapter 110, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware ;"

Without recommendation ;

Also,

"An act to amend Chapter 59 of the Revised Code, relating to Ditches ;"

"An act to amend Chapter 89 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware ;"

"An act to repeal Chapter 188 of the 15th Volume of the Laws of the State of Delaware,"

With a recommendation that they do not pass.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the Senate bill entitled,

"An act to amend Chapter 176, Volume 4, Laws of Delaware,"
Was read.

On motion of Mr. Robinson, the bill entitled,

"An act to divorce Joseph B. Lingo, and Sarah E. Lingo, his wife,
from the bonds of matrimony,"

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Robinson offered an amendment,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And, upon his further motion,

Was

Adopted.

And, upon his further motion,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Nicholson, the bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Summit Methodist Episcopal Church
of Pencader hundred,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

Mr. Holcomb, in pursuance of previous notice, asked,

And, on motion of Mr. Ware,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to further amend Chapter 152, Volume 15, Laws of Delaware,
entitled 'An act to incorporate the city of New Castle,' "

Which,

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, was read.

On motion of Mr. Bird,

The Senate amendment to the House bill entitled,

"An act to authorize the Recorder of Deeds in and for New Castle county, to make certain indexes,"

Was read, as follows :

IN SENATE, *March 2, 1877.*

Amend Section three (3) by adding to said Section the following :
 "The award or allowance so made by the Levy Court for the services as mentioned in Sections one and two of this act shall be conclusive and final."

Extract from Journal.

MERRIS TAYLOR,
Clerk of Senate.

Which, on motion of Mr. Bird,

Was

Concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Robinson, the bill entitled,

"An act to divorce Joseph C. Johnson and Leah J. Johnson, his wife, from the bonds of matrimony,"

Was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Wright, the bill entitled,

"An act to provide for the better protection of the traveling public and to insure the prompt transportation and delivery of fruits and freights,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

Was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Messick, the bill entitled,

"An act to amend Chapter 192, Volume 15, of the Delaware Laws,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

The bill was ordered to a third reading,

And, upon the question, "Shall that be Section 1 of the bill?"

Mr. Bird called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Burnite, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Nicholson, Rickards, Robinson, Taylor and Wright—9.

Nays—Messrs. Bird, Brown, Cochran, Hall, Holcomb, Ware and Mr. Speaker—7.

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And Section 1 of the bill was

Adopted.

And, upon the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

Mr. Brown called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Cochran, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Nicholson, Rickards, and Robinson—6.

Nays—Messrs. Bird, Brown, Cochran, Hall, Holcomb, Robinson, Taylor, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker—10.

The question was decided in the negative,

And the bill was

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Hall, the Senate bill entitled,

"An act authorizing Isaac Cirwithin and Riley W. Bennett, to lay out a public road on their own lands,"

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Hall, the Senate bill entitled,

"An act to authorize the laying out of a public road in Milford hundred, Kent county, State of Delaware,"

Was read.

Mr. Hall, in pursuance of previous notice, asked,

And, on motion of Mr. Mustard,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act dissolving the bonds of matrimony between Sarah E. Hickman and Caleb J. Hickman,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Hall, was read.

On motion of Mr. Morris, the bill entitled,

"An act to prevent live stock from running at large in School Districts Nos. 73, 73½ and 139, in Sussex county,"

Was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Ware, in pursuance of previous notice, asked,

And, on motion of Mr. Robinson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"A supplement to an act to incorporate the Rehoboth Beach Camp Meeting Association of the Methodist Episcopal Church," passed at Dover, January 27, 1873,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Ware, was read.

On motion of Mr. Morris, the bill entitled,

"An act in relation to the duty of Hundred Collectors receiving school tax duplicates,"

Was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Mustard, the bill entitled,

"An act to enable Betsey Burton to change a certain public road in Indian River hundred, Sussex county, Delaware,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Roads and Highways.

On motion of Mr. Ware, the bill entitled,

“An act to confirm an ordinance of the city of Wilmington vacating parts of Walnut, Spruce, and Second Streets,”

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

Was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion, the House adjourned until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

SAME DAY—3 o'clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Ware, the bill entitled,

“An act to divorce Annie T. Griffith, from the bonds of matrimony,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Divorces.

Mr. Holcomb, in pursuance of previous notice, asked,

And, on motion of Mr. Ware,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to incorporate the Nonsuch Marsh Company,”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, was read,

And, on motion of Mr. Holcomb,

Rule 12 was suspended and the bill was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

Mr. Bartholomew, in pursuance of previous notice, asked,
 And, on motion of Mr. Robinson,
 Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,
 "An act proposing an amendment to the Constitution in relation
 to the election of officers,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Bartholomew, was read.

Mr. Ware, in pursuance of previous notice, asked,

And, on motion of Mr. Holcomb,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to amend Chapter 405, Volume 12, Delaware Laws,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Ware, was read.

Mr. Ware, in pursuance of previous notice, asked,

And, on motion of Mr. Robinson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to further amend the Charter of the City of Wilmington,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Ware, was read.

Mr. Wright offered a Joint Resolution,

Appointing a joint committee of three on the part of the House,
 and two on the part of the Senate, to examine the accounts of the
 State Treasurer,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And

Adopted.

Mr. Bird presented two claims of Messrs. Hollowbush and Carey,

Which, on his motion,

Were referred to the committee on Claims.

On motion of Mr. Cochran, the Senate bill entitled,

"An act to amend an act entitled, 'An act to amend and renew

the Charter of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company of St. George's and Appoquinimink hundreds, in New Castle county, for the period of twenty years,' passed at Dover, January 22d, 1869,"

Was read.

Mr. Ware, in pursuance of previous notice, asked,

And, on motion of Mr. Robinson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act for the benefit of the Practical Farmer,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Ware, was read.

On motion of Mr. Robinson, the Senate bill entitled,

"An act to authorize Wm. H. Donovan, to place two gates across a certain road running across his farm,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Roads and Highways.

Mr. Bird, in pursuance of previous notice, asked,

And, on motion of Mr. Ware,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to amend an act entitled, 'An act to amend Chapter III, of the Revised Code,'"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Bird, was read.

Mr. Taylor, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the following House bills and Joint Resolutions had been found duly and correctly enrolled, and had received the signature of the Speaker of the Senate, viz:

"An act authorizing the Governor to appoint an additional Notary Public in Baltimore Hundred, Sussex County;"

"An act prohibiting live stock from running at large in School District No. 62, in New Castle County;"

"An act to incorporate the Benedictine Order of the Sacred Heart, of Wilmington, Delaware;"

"An act to amend Chapter 159, Current Volume, Delaware Laws, entitled 'A supplement to an act entitled, 'An act to incorporate the town of Lewes, and for other purposes,' passed at Dover, March 10, 1875 ;"

"An act to incorporate the Immaculate Conception Beneficial Society of Wilmington, Delaware ;"

"Joint resolution appointing Directors for the Farmers' Bank of the State of Delaware ;"

"A Joint Resolution inviting Mr. Caesar A. Rodney to read an historical paper before the General Assembly,"

And returned the same to the House.

On motion of Mr. Ware, the bill entitled,

"An act in relation to taxation in certain parts of the ninth ward of the city of Wilmington,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Cochran, the Senate bill entitled,

"An act to amend Chapter 353, Volume 14, Delaware Laws,"

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Cochran, the Senate bill entitled,

"An act to re-incorporate the Newark Building and Loan Association,"

Was read.

Mr. Wright presented the claim of Joseph H. Hoffecker,

Which, on his motion,

Was referred to the committee on Claims.

On motion of Mr. Ware, the Senate bill entitled,

"An act in relation to the Wilmington City Railway,"

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Ware, the Senate bill entitled,

"A further supplement to an act entitled, 'An act to incorporate

the 'Trustees of the Home for Friendless and Destitute Children in the city of Wilmington,' "

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, the bill entitled,

"An act to enable Thomas P. Walls to sell certain real estate in Sussex county, and make title to the same,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Cochran, the Senate bill entitled,

"A supplement to the act entitled, 'An act to incorporate the Smyrna Building and Loan Association of the Town of Smyrna, passed at Dover, March 12, 1867,' "

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Bartholomew, the bill entitled,

"An act to encourage the cultivation of Sugar Beets,"

Was read a second time by its title.

On motion of Mr. Bird, the Senate amendment to the House bill entitled,

"An act to re-incorporate the town of St. Georges, and for other purposes,"

Was read, as follows :

IN SENATE, *March 6, 1877.*

Amend Section 18 by inserting at the end of the 18th line the word "Superior," and striking out of the 19th line of said section the words "of Common Pleas."

Extract from Journal.

MERRIS TAYLOR,

Clerk of Senate.

And, upon his further motion,

Was

Concurred In.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the Senate Joint Resolution entitled,

“Joint Resolution appointing a committee to settle with the State Treasurer and the Auditor of Accounts, and to audit the accounts of the Clerks of the Legislature,”

Was read.

Mr. Holcomb offered an amendment,

Which was read, as follows :

Amend the Joint Resolution by striking out the first resolution and inserting in lieu thereof the following, to wit :

Resolved, By the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Delaware in General Assembly met,

That, a joint committee of five be appointed on the part of the General Assembly to consist of the following two members of the Senate, viz :

And the three following members of the House of Representatives, viz :

Whose duty it shall be to meet at Dover, on the third Tuesday of January, 1878, for the purpose of settling the accounts of the State Treasurer and receiving the report of the Auditor of Accounts for the current year,

Which, on his motion,

Was

Adopted.

And, upon his further motion, as amended,

Was

Concurred in.

Mr. Bartholomew moved,

To increase the special committee to whom was referred the bill entitled,

“An act regulating the sale of spiritous, vinous and malt liquors,”

By adding two to the committee, who shall be from New Castle county.

Mr. Morris moved,

To amend the motion by substituting one from New Castle county in place of one of those on the committee from Sussex county,

Which motion was

Lost.

Mr. Morris moved,

That the motion to increase the committee, be laid on the table,

And, upon the question, "Shall the committee be increased by adding two to said committee from New Castle county, be laid on the table?"

Mr. Morris called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Brown, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Rickards, Taylor, Thompson and Wright—8.

Nays—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Burnite, Cochran, Hall, Holcomb, Nicholson, Robinson, Ware and Mr. Speaker—10.

The question was decided in the negative,

And the motion to lay the motion on the table,

Was

Lost.

Mr. Robinson moved

To amend the motion by making it one from New Castle county,

And, upon the question, "Shall the motion be amended by making it one from New Castle county?"

Mr. Robinson called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Brown, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Rickards, Robinson, Taylor, Thompson and Wright—9.

Nays—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Burnite, Cochran, Hall, Holcomb, Nicholson, Ware, and Mr. Speaker—9.

The question not having received a majority,

Was

Lost.

Mr. Morris moved,

To amend the motion by striking the name of Mr. Thompson from the committee, and that the Chair appoint one from New Castle county in his place,

And upon the question, "Shall the motion be amended by striking the name of Mr. Thompson from the committee, and that the Chair appoint one in his place from New Castle county?"

Mr. Morris called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Brown, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Rickards, Robinson, Taylor, Thompson and Wright—9.

Nays—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Burnite, Cochran, Hall, Holcomb, Nicholson, Ware and Mr. Speaker—9.

The question not having received a majority

Was

Lost.

Mr. Morris moved,

To amend the motion by making it five from New Castle county.

And upon the question, "Shall the motion be amended by making it five from New Castle county?"

Mr. Morris called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Cochran, Holcomb, Morris, Mustard, Taylor and Ware—7.

Nays—Messrs. Bird, Brown, Burnite, Hall, Messick, Nicholson, Rickards, Robinson, Thompson, Wright and Mr. Speaker—11.

The question was decided in the negative,

And the motion was

Lost.

Mr. Wright moved

To amend the motion by making it four from New Castle county,

And, upon the question, "Shall the motion be amended by making it four from New Castle county?"

Mr. Wright called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Morris, Mustard and Wright—3.

Nays—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Brown, Burnite, Cochran, Hall, Holcomb, Messick, Nicholson, Rickards, Robinson, Taylor, Thompson, Ware and Mr. Speaker—15.

The question was decided in the negative,

And the motion was

Lost.

Mr. Morris moved, that the House do now adjourn,

And, upon the question, "Shall the House now adjourn?"

Mr. Morris called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Brown, Morris, Mustard, Rickards and Wright—5.

Nays—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Burnite, Cochran, Hall, Holcomb, Messick, Nicholson, Robinson, Taylor, Thompson, Ware and Mr. Speaker—13.

The question was decided in the negative,

And the motion to adjourn was

Lost.

Mr. Holcomb moved the previous question,

Which motion

Prevailed.

The question then recurring upon the motion to increase the committee by adding two to the said committee from New Castle county,

Mr. Bartholomew called^K for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Burnite, Cochran, Hall, Holcomb, Messick, Nicholson, Robinson, Thompson, Ware and Mr. Speaker—12.

Nays—Messrs. Brown, Morris, Mustard, Rickards, Taylor and Wright—6.

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the motion was

Adopted.

Mr. Cochran moved that the House do now adjourn,

And, upon the question, "Shall the House now adjourn?"

Mr. Cochran called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Burnite, Cochran, Hall, Messick, Morris, Nicholson, Rickards, Taylor, Thompson, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker—13.

Nays—Messrs. Bartholomew, Brown, Holcomb, Mustard and Robinson—5.

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the House adjourned until 10 o'clock, to-morrow morning:

WEDNESDAY, *March 7, 1877*—10 o'clock, A. M.,

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. J. Houston.

Mr. Ware, on behalf of the committee on Corporations, to whom was referred sundry bills, reported the following House bills back to the House, viz :

"An act to enable the owners and possessors of the St. Augustine Marsh Company effectually to embank and drain the same ;"

"An act to amend the act to re-incorporate the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company of the State of Delaware, passed March 5, 1867 ;"

"A further additional supplement to the act entitled, 'An act to incorporate the town of Leipsic and for other purposes,' passed at Dover, February 26, 1852 ;"

"An act to incorporate the Jessup & Moore Paper Company ;"

"An act to amend Chapter 73 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware, entitled 'Of the City of Wilmington ;' "

"An act to incorporate the Bradford Paint Company ;"

"A further supplement to an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the New Castle County Mutual Insurance Company,' passed February 6, 1849 ;"

"An act to incorporate the Agricultural Society of Kent county, at Dover ;"

Also, the following Senate bills, viz :

"An act to amend the act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Indian River and Rehoboth Bay Oyster Planting Company,' passed at Dover, March 23, 1875 ;"

"An act to incorporate the Delmar and Millsborough Railroad Company ;"

"An act to incorporate the Masonic Hall Company, of Newport, Delaware,"

With a recommendation that they pass.

Also, the House bill entitled,

"A supplement to an act to incorporate the Rehoboth Beach Camp Meeting Association of the Methodist Episcopal Church,, passed at Dover, January 27, 1873,"

Without recommendation.

Mr. Cochran on behalf of the committee on Education, reported back to the House the bill entitled,

"An act to consolidate School Districts, Nos. 50, and 108 in Kent county, under the title of 'The Magnolia Public Schools,' "

With a recommendation that the bill pass.

Mr. Holcomb on behalf of the special committee, to whom was referred the Joint Resolution entitled,

"Joint Resolution respecting the Historical Society of Delaware,"

Reported the same back to the House with a recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

Mr. Morris, on behalf of the committee on Roads and Highways, to whom sundry bills had been referred,

Reported the following Senate bills back to the House, viz :

"An act in relation to roads and bridges passing over mill dams,"

Also, the following House bill :

"An act to prohibit live stock from running at large on the public highways, in School District No. 59, in New Castle county,"

With a recommendation that they do pass.

Also, on behalf of the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of citizens of Milford hundred,

Reported a bill entitled,

"An act prohibiting live stock from running at large within certain limits of Milford hundred."

Mr. Mustard presented the remonstrance of John G. Holland and others, against the passage of a stock law for School District No. 111, in Sussex county; also, the remonstrance of J. C. Collier, on the same subject,

Which were referred to the committee on Roads and Highways.

The Speaker presented the remonstrance of M. Coulborn and 153 others, against the passage of the bill entitled,

"An act regulating the sale of spiritous, vinous or malt- liquors,"

Which was referred to the committee raised on that subject.

Mr. Wright presented the petition of Alfred A. Fisher and 17 others, asking a local option law,

Which was referred to the local option committee.

Mr. Burnite presented the remonstrance of James D. Elbert and other colored persons, against the passage of the bill entitled,

"An act to amend Chapter 48 of the 15th Volume of Delaware Laws,"

Which was referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Robinson, the bill entitled,

"An act authorizing and requiring the School Committee of School District No. 161, in Sussex county, to raise three hundred dollars, and for other purposes,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion,

Was recommitted to the committee.

On motion of Mr. Bird, the bill entitled;

"An act to amend Chapter 110 of the Revised Statutes,"

Was taken up for consideration.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the amendments reported from the committee

Were read,

And, upon his further motion,

Were

Adopted.

And, on motion of Mr. Bird,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Ware, the Senate bill entitled,

“An act in relation to Wilmington City,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Hall, the Senate bill entitled,

“An act authorizing Isaac Cirwithin and Riley W. Bennett to lay out a public road on their own lands,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Roads and Highways.

On motion of Mr. Burnite, the Senate bill entitled,

“An act to amend Chapter 72, Volume 14, Laws of Delaware,”

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Hall, the Senate bill entitled,

“An act to authorize the laying out of a public road in Milford hundred Kent county, State of Delaware,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Roads and Highways.

On motion of Mr. Hall, the bill entitled,

“An act dissolving the bonds of matrimony between Sarah E. Hickman and Caleb J. Hickman,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Divorces.

Mr. Wright, on behalf of the committee on Revised Statutes, to whom was referred the petition of citizens of Broad Creek hundred, in Sussex county, asking that the place of holding the elections be changed, reported a bill entitled,

“An act to change the place of holding elections in Broad Creek hundred, in Sussex county,”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Wright, was read.

Mr. Wright, on behalf of the committee on Revised Statutes, to

whom was referred the petition of citizens of School District No. 72, in Sussex county, asking the repeal of the stock law in said School District, reported a bill entitled,

“An act to repeal so much of the stock law as applies to that part of School District No. 72 lying in Nanticoke hundred, Sussex county,”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Wright, was read.

On motion of Mr. Wright, the bill entitled,

“An act to divorce Sarah A. Butler and her husband, George W. Butler, from the bonds of matrimony,”

Was read.

The Speaker announced as the two additional members of the committee on the bill entitled,

“An act regulating the sale of spiritous, vinous or malt liquors,”
Messrs. Bartholomew and Cochran.

On motion of Mr. Ware, the bill entitled,

“An act to amend Chapter 405, Volume 12, Laws of Delaware,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Ware, the Senate bill entitled,

“A further supplement to an act entitled, ‘An act to incorporate the Trustees of the Home for Friendless and Destitute Children in the city of Wilmington,’”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Bartholomew, the bill entitled,

“An act to encourage the cultivation of Sugar Beets,”

Was taken up for consideration.

And, upon his further motion,

The bill was ordered to be read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House;

And upon the question, "shall that be section 2 of the bill?"

Mr. Mustard called for the yeas and nays,

Which being taken were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Brown, Burnite, Cochran, Hall, Holcomb, Morris, Rickards, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker—12.

Nays—Messrs. Messick, Mustard, Nicholson, Robinson, Taylor and Thompson—6.

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And Section 2 was

Adopted.

And, upon the question "Shall this bill pass the House?"

Mr. Robinson called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Burnite, Cochran, Hall, Holcomb and Ware—7.

Nays—Messrs. Brown, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Nicholson, Rickards, Robinson, Taylor, Thompson, Wright and Mr. Speaker—11.

The question was decided in the negative,

And the bill was

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, the Senate bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Delmar and Millsborough Railroad Company,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

Was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

And, upon the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Burnite, Cochran, Hall, Holcomb, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Nicholson, Rickards, Robinson, Taylor, Thompson, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker—16.

Nays—None.

The bill having received the constitutional majority

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

On motion of Mr. Burnite, the bill entitled,

“An act to consolidate School Districts Nos. 50 and 108 in Kent county, under the title of ‘The Magnolia Public Schools,’”

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

Was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Ware, the bill entitled,

“An act for the benefit of the Practical Farmer,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Ware, the bill entitled,

“A supplement to an act to incorporate the Rehoboth Beach Camp Meeting Association of the Methodist Episcopal Church,” passed at Dover, January 27, 1873,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the Senate bill entitled,

“An act to amend Chapter 176, Volume 4, Laws of Delaware,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the Joint Resolution entitled,

“Joint Resolution respecting the Historical Society of Delaware,”

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,
The blanks were filled and the resolution

Was

Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion, the House adjourned until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

SAME DAY—3 o'clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker presented the memorial of the Wilmington Annual Conference, now in session at Milford, Delaware, remonstrating against the passage of the bill entitled,

“An act regulating the sale of spiritous, vinous and malt liquors,”

Which was referred to the special committee raised on that subject.

Mr. Mustard, in pursuance of previous notice, asked,

And, on motion of Mr. Cochran,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“A supplement to the act entitled, ‘An act to incorporate the town of Lewes and for other purposes,’”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Mustard, was read.

Mr. Taylor, Clerk of the Senate being admitted informed the House that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in the following Senate bills, viz:

“An act to amend Chapter 22, Nolume 14, Laws of Delaware, entitled, ‘An act to raise revenue for State and County purposes;’”

“A supplement to the act entitled, ‘An act to incorporate the Every Evening Publishing Company, passed Feb. 23, 1875;’”

"An act for the protection of live stock in the State of Delaware,"
And presented the same to the House ;

Also, That the Senate had concurred in the House amendment to the Senate Joint Resolution appointing a committee to settle with the State Treasurer and Auditor of Accounts and to audit the accounts of the Clerks of the Legislature, and had filled the first blank with the names of Messrs. Ray and Denney, as the committee on the part of the Senate ;

Also, that the Senate had concurred in the following House bills, viz :

"An act to organize the Maryland and Delaware Railroad, after foreclosure and sale, by that or some other name that may hereafter be adopted, and to incorporate the same into a body politic,"

With amendments ;

"An act to authorize the laying out of a new public road in North Murderkill and South Murderkill hundreds, in Kent county,"

With an amendment ;

"An act to enable Peter Hastings to change the course of a public road running through his own lands ;"

"An act to lay out a new road and vacate an old road, in North Murderkill hundred, in Kent county ;"

"An act appointing commissioners to lay out a public road in Kent county ;"

"An act to amend Sections 12 and 13, of Chapter 479, of Volume 13, Part 3, of the Laws of the State of Delaware, entitled 'An act to incorporate the town of Felton, and for other purposes,' passed at Dover, April 8, 1869,"

And returned the same to the House.

Also, that the following House bills and Joint Resolutions had been found duly and correctly enrolled, and had received the signature of the Speaker of the Senate :

"An act to amend Chapter 384, Volume 14, Laws of Delaware ;"

"An act to amend an act entitled, 'An act to incorporate the town of Middletown ;'"

"An act to incorporate the Board of Education of the Dover Public Schools ;"

"An act to incorporate the Wilmington Club in the city of Wilmington, Delaware ;"

"An act to incorporate the Front and Union Street Railway Company ;"

"An act providing for the merger of the New Castle and Wilmington Railroad Company into the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad Company, and also, for the merger of the New Castle and Frenchtown Turnpike and Railroad Company into the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad Company ;"

"An act to incorporate the purchasers of the Wilmington and Reading Railroad ;"

"An act to divorce Sallie J. Wright from her husband, John B. Wright ;"

"An act to divorce Augustus N. Southard and Ella D. Southard from the bonds of matrimony ;"

"An act to divorce Susan Walt and George A. Walt, from the bonds of matrimony ;"

"An act to divorce Lucy S. Babcock and Grove L. Babcock from the bonds of matrimony ;"

"An act to divorce Annie G. France and her husband, Albert L. France, from the bonds of matrimony ;"

"An act to amend Section 2 of Chapter 83, Volume 15, Delaware Laws ;"

"An act transferring certain real estate belonging to Richbell Allaband from School District No. 21 to United School Districts Nos. 113 and 13½, in Kent County ;"

"An act to authorize the appointment of guardians by the Chancellor or a Judge of the Orphans' Court in vacation ;"

"An act to incorporate the Board of City Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the city of Wilmington ;"

"An act transferring the home and mansion farm of George W. Horsey from School District No. 46, in Sussex county, to School District No. 51, in Sussex county ;"

"Joint Resolution accepting an invitation of the Board of Public Education, of Wilmington ;"

And returned the same to the House.

On motion of Mr. Ware, the bill entitled,

"An act to further amend Chapter 73 of the Revised Code entitled, 'Of the City of Wilmington,'"

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

And, upon the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Brown, Burnite, Cochran, Hall, Holcomb, Messick, Morris, Nicholson, Rickards, Robinson, Taylor, Thompson, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker—17.

Nays—None.

The bill, having received the constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Wright on behalf of the committee to whom was referred the bill entitled,

"An act to provide for the arrest of persons violating the laws of this State; and to appropriate money to pay for such arrests,"

Reported the same back to the House

With an amendment.

On motion of Mr. Wright, the bill

Was taken up for consideration.

On motion of Mr. Nicholson,

The amendment reported from the committee was read.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb,

The amendment was

Adopted.

And, on motion of Mr. Nicholson,
The bill as amended
Was read a third time, by paragraphs,
And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Ware, the Senate bill entitled,
"An act to incorporate the Masonic Hall Company of Newport,
Delaware,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the
House.

And, upon the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Brown, Burnite, Hall, Holcomb,
Messick, Nicholson, Rickards, Taylor, Thompson, Ware, Wright and
Mr. Speaker—14.

Nays—None.

The bill having received the constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Wright, the bill entitled,

"An act to repeal Chapters 173 and 174 of the 15th Volume of the
Laws of the State of Delaware,"

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Holcomb moved that the Senate amendments be read,

Which motion

Prevailed.

And the Senate amendments were read, as follows :

IN SENATE, *March 6, 1877.*

Amend the title of the bill as follows: Strike out the words "and
Chapter 174" and add the following words as an addition to the title,
viz: "And to provide for an additional term of the Court of Appeals."

Also amend the bill by adding the following additional Sections,
viz :

SECTION 2. The Court of Errors and Appeals shall convene and be held on the first Tuesday in June and first Tuesday in January.

SECTION 3. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed, and the Secretary of State is hereby directed to cause Chapter 91 of the Revised Statutes as the same is hereby amended and modified, to be republished with the acts of the present session of the General Assembly.

For concurrence.

Extract from Journal.

MERRIS TAYLOR,
Clerk of Senate.

And, on motion of Mr. Holcomb,

The amendments were

Concurred in.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the bill entitled,

"An act to organize the Maryland and Delaware Railroad after the foreclosure and sale, by that or some other name that may hereafter be adopted, and to incorporate the same into a body politic,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

The Senate amendments were read as follows :

IN SENATE, *March 6, 1877.*

Amend the bill as follows :

Insert in the 4th line of Section 1, after the word "net" and before the word "that" the following words, viz : [Two-thirds of each branch thereof concurring ;]

Amend further by striking out the word "new" in line 11 of Section 1 ; also by striking out the word "need" in line 24 of Section 1 ; also, by inserting in line 30 of Section 1, between the words "thirteen" and "and" the words following, viz : "To serve until their successors shall be duly chosen and elected ;"

"Also by inserting in line 31 of said Section after the word "provided" the following words, viz : "who shall be a director ;"

Also, strike out the word "need" in line 41 of said section ;

Also, by inserting after the word "specifying" in line 7, of Section 2, the following words, viz : "Its corporate name ;"

"Also, add at the end of said Section 2 the following words, viz : "And evidence of the due performance of everything required by this act to be done to constitute and complete the organization of said Corporation ;"

Also, amend Section 3 as follows, by inserting after the word "stockholders" in line 5 of said Section the following words, viz : "An for the election of directors at such annual meeting ;"

Also, amend further by striking out the word "new in lines 1 and 13 of said Section,

For concurrence.

Extract from Journal.

MERRIS TAYLOR,

Clerk of Senate.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the Senate amendments,

Were

Concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Hall, the bill entitled,

"An act prohibiting live stock from running at large within certain limits in Milford hundred,"

Was read.

Mr. Holcomb moved,

To reconsider the vote which the Senate amendment to the House bill entitled,

"An act to organize the Maryland and Delaware Railroad after foreclosure and sale by that or some other name, that may hereafter be adopted, and to incorporate the same into a body politic,"

Was concurred in, be reconsidered,

Which motion

Prevailed.

Mr. Holcomb moved, that the Senate amendments be concurred in.

And, upon the question, "Shall the Senate amendmens be concurred in?"

The yeas and nays, were ordered,
Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Brown, Burnite, Hall, Holcomb, Messick, Nicholson, Rickards, Robinson, Taylor, Thompson, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker—15.

Nays—None.

The amendments having received the constitutional majority,
Were *Concurred In.*

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Bird on behalf of the committee on Divorces, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

“An act to divorce Annie T. Griffith, from the bonds of matrimony,”

Reported the same back to the House,

With a recommendation that the bill pass.

On motion of Mr. Robinson, the Senate bill entitled,

“An act to amend the act entitled ‘An act to incorporate the Indian River and Rehoboth Bay Oyster Planting Company,’ passed at Dover, March 23, 1875,”

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

And, upon the question, “Shall this bill pass the House?”

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Brown, Burnite, Cochran, Hall, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Nicholson, Rickards, Robinson, Taylor, Thompson, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker—17.

Nays—None.

The bill having received the constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Wright in pursuance of previous notice, asked,

And, on motion of Mr. Thompson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to amend Section 3 of Chapter 165, Volume 15 of the Laws of this State, entitled, ‘Of Husband and Wife,’”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Wright, was read.

Mr. Hall, in pursuance of previous notice, asked,

And, on motion of Mr. Robinson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act providing for the consolidation of the Junction and Breakwater Railroad Company and the Breakwater and Frankford Railroad Company with each other, and with other railroad companies in Maryland and Virginia,”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Hall, was read.

Mr. Burnite, on behalf of the special committee to whom was referred the bill entitled,

“An act in relation to Insurance Companies,”

Reported the same back to the House, with amendments.

On motion of Mr. Burnite, the bill was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

The amendments reported from the committee, were read,

And

Adopted.

Mr. Burnite moved

To read the bill a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

Mr. Brown moved that the bill be laid on the table,

And, upon the question, “Shall the bill be laid the table?”

Mr. Burnite called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Brown, Cochran, Holcomb, Morris, Rickards, Robinson, Taylor and Mr. Speaker—8.

Nays—Messrs. Bird, Burnite, Hall, Messick, Morris, Nicholson, Thompson, Ware and Wright—9.

The question was decided in the negative,
And the motion to lay the bill on the table,
Was

Lost.

Mr. Wright moved to postpone the further consideration of the bill until to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock, and that the bill be made the special order for that hour,

Which motion

Prevailed,

And the bill was postponed until to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock, and was made the special order for that hour.

On motion of Mr. Ware, the bill entitled,

“An act to divorce Annie T. Griffith from the bonds of matrimony,”

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Hall, the Senate bill entitled,

“An act in relation to roads and bridges passing over milldams,”

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

On motion the House adjourned until 10 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, *March 8, 1877*—10 o'clock, A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Robinson, on behalf of the committee on Enrollment, reported that the following House bills were found duly and correctly enrolled, viz :

“An act to amend Chapter 34 of the Revised Statutes, ‘concerning Constables ;’”

“An act to incorporate the purchasers of the Wilmington and Western Railroad ;”

“A supplement to an act authorizing the owners and possessors of the marsh and low grounds, commonly called and known as Tappannah Marsh, situate in the forest of Dover hundred, in Kent county, to cut a ditch or drain through the same ;”

“An act to incorporate the Enterprise Building and Loan Association of the City of New Castle,”

And presented the same for the signature of the Speaker of the House.

Mr. Ware, on behalf of the committee on Corporations, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

“An act to incorporate the Nonsuch Marsh Company,”

Reported the same back to the House,

With a recommendation that the bill pass.

Mr. Cochran, on behalf of the committee on Education, to whom sundry bills had been referred,

Reported the following House bills back to the House, viz :

“An act to promote the education of colored people and for other purposes,”

With an amendment ;

“An act authorizing and requiring the School Committee of School District No. 161, in Sussex county, to raise three hundred dollars, and for other purposes,”

With an amendment ;

Also, the following Senate bill :

"An act consolidating United School Districts Nos. 65 and 66, and United School Districts Nos. 42, 43, 68 and 70, in Kent county,"

With a recommendation that they do pass ;

Also, upon the petition of C. Conwell and 27 others, asking a law dividing School District No. 27,

Reported a bill entitled,

"An act to divide School District No. 27, in Kent county."

Mr. Wright, on behalf of the committee on Revised Statutes, to whom was referred sundry bills,

Reported the following House bills back to the House, viz :

"An act to amend Chapter 421, Volume 14, Laws of Delaware, entitled 'An act to amend Chapter 55, Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware, for the protection of fish, oysters and game,'"

With an amendment ;

"An act to provide for the appointment of a board of Fishery Commissioners, and for the protection and propagation of fish, and appropriating money for the same,"

With an amendment ;

"An act for the protection of Minors,"

Without recommendation ;

"An act to provide a punishment for fraud ;"

"An act to amend Section 3 of Chapter 68, of the Revised Code ;"

"An act to repeal Chapter 389, Volume 14, Laws of Delaware, entitled 'An act to prohibit Justices of the Peace or Constables from taking costs in criminal cases unless where it is expressly provided by Statutes, &c. ;' "

"An act to amend Chapter 128 of the Revised Code, entitled, 'Offenses against private property ;' "

"An act in relation to the entering of judgment bonds,"

With a recommendation that they do pass.

Also, the Joint Resolution entitled,

"Joint resolution concerning the Standard Weights and Measures, and the balance for adjusting duplicate standards,"

With a recommendation that the House does not adopt the resolution ;

Also,

"An act to repeal Chapter 184 of the Current Volume of Delaware Laws, entitled 'Mechanics' Lien ;' "

"An act to amend Section 3 of Chapter 72 of the 14th Volume of the Laws of Delaware,"

With a recommendation that they do not pass.

Mr. Holcomb, on behalf of the committee of Ways and Means, Reported the following bill entitled,

"An act to reduce taxation."

Mr. Holcomb, on behalf of the special committee to whom was referred the bill entitled,

"An act to amend Chapter 145, Volume 13, Laws of Delaware,"

Reported the same back to the House,

With a recommendation that the bill pass.

Mr. Holcomb offered a resolution,

Which was read, as follows :

Resolved, That the Speaker be authorized to fill the blank in the Joint Resolution, appointing a committee to settle with the State Treasurer and Auditor of Accounts.

Mr. Causey, member of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed the following Senate bill, and requested the concurrence of the House, viz :

"An act to lay out a new public road partly in Dagsborough hundred and partly in Indian River hundred, in the county of Sussex, State of Delaware,"

And presented the same for the concurrence of the House.

On motion of Mr. Cochran, the bill entitled,

"An act in relation to Free Schools in the State of Delaware,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

The bill was ordered to be read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House;

Pending the reading of Section 11,

Mr. Hall moved,

That the blank in Section 11 be filled with the word "April,"

Which motion

Prevailed.

Mr. Cochran moved,

That the blank in Section 12 be filled with the words "one hundred;"

Mr. Mustard moved,

To amend the motion by filling the blank with the words "one hundred and fifty;"

Mr. Robinson moved,

To amend the motion to amend, by filling the blank with the word "fifty."

The Speaker announced that it would be in order to take the motion upon the largest sum first;

And, upon the question, "Shall the blank be filled with 'one hundred and fifty?'"

The question was decided in the negative.

The question then being, "Shall the blank be filled with the words 'one hundred?'"

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the blank was filled with the words "one hundred."

Mr. Hall offered an amendment,

Which was read.

Mr. Hall moved, that rule 12 be suspended,

Which motion

Prevailed.

And rule 12 was suspended.

Mr. Hall moved the adoption of the amendment,

Which motion

Prevailed.

The reading of the bill a third time, by paragraphs, was concluded,
And the bill *Passed the House.*

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Morris, the bill entitled,

"An act to amend Section 2 of the act entitled, 'An act to raise revenue and provide for the current expenses of the State Government,' passed at Dover, March 22, 1867,"

Was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And *Passed the House.*

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Hall, the bill entitled,

"An act providing for the consolidation of the Junction and Breakwater Railroad Company and the Breakwater and Frankford Railroad Company with each other, and with other railroad companies in Maryland and Virginia,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Ware, the bill entitled,

"An act to further amend the Charter of the City of Wilmington,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

On motion, the House adjourned until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

SAME DAY—3 o'clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Morris presented the remonstrance of J. J. Sharp and 65 others, against the bill entitled,

“An act regulating the sale of spiritous, vinous or malt liquors,”
Which, on his motion,

Was referred to the committee raised on that subject.

The Speaker announced that the bill entitled,

“An act in relation to Insurance Companies,”

Having been made the special order for this afternoon at 3 o'clock, was now before the House upon its final passage,

And, upon the question “Shall this bill pass the House?”

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Hall, the bill entitled,

“An act prohibiting live stock from running at large within certain limits in Milford hundred,”

Was read a second time by its title.

On motion of Mr. Robinson, the Senate bill entitled,

“An act to lay out a new public road partly in Dagsborough hundred and partly in Indian River hundred, in the county of Sussex, State of Delaware,”

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Bird, the Senate bill entitled,

“An act to amend Chapter 48 of the 15th Volume of Delaware Laws,”

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Ware, the bill entitled,

“An act to amend the act to re-incorporate the Farmers’ Mutual Fire Insurance Company of the State of Delaware, passed March 5, 1867,”

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon the question, “Shall this bill pass the House?”

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Brown, Cochran, Hall, Holcomb, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Nicholson, Rickards, Robinson, Taylor, Thompson, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker—16.

Nays—None.

The bill, having received the constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Messick, the bill entitled,

“An act to change the place of holding elections in Broad Creek hundred, in Sussex county,”

Was read a second time by its title.

Mr. Ray, member of the Senate, being admitted informed the House that the Senate had concurred in the House bill entitled,

“An act to divorce Robert E. Randall from the bonds of matrimony,”

And returned the same to the House.

On motion of Mr. Messick, the bill entitled,

“An act to repeal so much of the stock law as applies to that part of School District No. 72 lying in Nanticoke hundred, Sussex county,”

Was read a second time by its title.

On motion of Mr. Brown, the bill entitled,

“An act to divide School District No. 27, in Kent county,”

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

Was recommitted to the committee.

Mr. Ware on behalf of the committee on Corporations, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

“An act to renew and re-enact the Charter of St. Joseph’s Beneficial Society of Brandywine, Delaware,”

Reported the same back to the House,

With a recommendation that the bill pass.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the bill entitled,

“An act to amend Chapter 145, Volume 13, Laws of Delaware,”

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Mustard, the bill entitled,

“A supplement to an act to incorporate the Rehoboth Beach Camp Meeting Association of the Methodist Episcopal Church,” passed at Dover, January 27, 1873,”

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

Was laid on the table.

Mr. Taylor, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in the following Senate bills, viz :

“An act to incorporate the Panama Transit Steamship Company ;”

“An act granting to the United States the title to a certain public road in Cedar Creek hundred, in Sussex county,”

And presented the same to the House ;

Also, that the Senate had concurred in the following House bills, viz :

“An act to prohibit live stock from running at large in School District No. 67, in New Castle County ;”

"An act to divorce Virginia Chandler from her husband Jesse Chandler ;"

"An act to lay out a public road in North Murderkill hundred, in Kent county ;"

"An act to provide for the better protection of the traveling public and to insure the prompt transportation and delivery of fruits and freights ;"

"An act in relation to the collecting of School Taxes in United School Districts Nos. 60, 90, 91, 92, 18 and 101, in Kent county, constituting the Dover Public Schools ;"

"An act to divorce Joseph B. Lingo, and Sarah E. Lingo, his wife, from the bonds of matrimony ;"

"An act for the appointment of an additional Notary Public in Sussex county ;"

And returned the same to the House.

On motion of Mr. Bird, the bill entitled,

"An act in relation to the exemption of wages from execution attachment,"

Was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

And, upon the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

Mr. Bartholomew called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Morris, Mustard and Nicholson—3.

Nays—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Brown, Burnite, Cochran, Hall, Holcomb, Messick, Rickards, Robinson, Taylor, Thompson, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker—15.

The question was decided in the negative,

And the bill was

Lost.

Mr. Robinson, on behalf of the committee on Enrollment, reported the following House bill as duly and correctly enrolled, viz :

"An act to divorce Robert E. Randall from the bonds of matrimony,"

And presented the same for the signature of the Speaker of the House.

On motion of Mr. Bartholomew, the bill entitled,

“An act to renew and re-enact the Charter of St. Joseph’s Beneficial Society of Brandywine, Delaware,”

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

And, upon the question, “Shall this bill pass the House?”

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Brown, Burnite, Cochran, Hall, Holcomb, Messick, Mustard, Nicholson, Rickards, Robinson, Taylor, Thompson, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker—17.

Nays—None.

The bill having received the constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

On motion of Mr. Ware, the bill entitled,

“An act to incorporate the Bradford Paint Company,”

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

And, upon the question, “Shall this bill pass the House?”

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Brown, Burnite, Cochran, Hall, Holcomb, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Nicholson, Rickards, Robinson, Taylor, Thompson, Ware and Wright—16.

Nays—None.

The bill having received the constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Wright, the bill entitled,

“A further additional supplement to the act entitled, ‘An act to incorporate the town of Leipsic and for other purposes, passed at Dover February 26, 1852,’ ”

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

And, upon the question, “Shall this bill pass the House?”

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Brown, Burnite, Cochran, Hall, Holcomb, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Nicholson, Rickards, Robinson, Taylor, Thompson, Ware and Wright—16.

Nays—None.

The bill having received the constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Cochran, the Senate bill entitled,

“An act to re-incorporate the Newark Building and Loan Association,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

Mr. Holcomb, in pursuance of previous notice, asked,

And, on motion of Mr. Ware,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to incorporate the New Castle Co-operative Store Company,”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, was read,

On motion of Mr. Bird, the Senate bill entitled,

“An act to incorporate the Panama Transit Steamship Company,”

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, the bill entitled,

“An act to repeal Chapter 389, Volume 14, Laws of Delaware, entitled, ‘An act to prohibit Justices of the Peace or Constables from taking costs in criminal cases, &c., unless where it is expressly provided by statutes, &c.,’ ”

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Taylor, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had concurred in the following House bills, viz :

“An act limiting the power of the Road Commissioners of New Castle hundred to lay and collect a tax ;”

“An act to confirm an ordinance of the city of Wilmington vacating parts of Walnut, Spruce, and Second Streets ;”

“An act for the relief of the Collectors in Appoquinimink and Blackbird hundreds, in New Castle county,”

With an amendment,

And returned the same to the House.

Also, that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in the following Senate bill, viz :

“An act granting to the United States the title to a certain public road in Cedar Creek hundred, Sussex county,”

And presented the same to the House ;

Also, that the following enrolled House bill had been found duly and correctly enrolled, and had received the signature of the Speaker of the Senate, viz :

“An act to incorporate the Enterprise Building and Loan Association of the City of New Castle,”

And returned the same to the House.

Also, that the following Senate enrolled bill had been found duly and correctly enrolled, viz :

"An act in relation to roads and bridges passing over milldams,"

The same having received the signature of the Speaker of the Senate, and presented the same for the signature of the Speaker of the House.

On motion of Mr. Mustard, the bill entitled,

"A supplement to the act entitled, 'An act to incorporate the town of Lewes and for other purposes,'"

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Mustard, the bill entitled,

"An act to amend Chapter 3 of the Revised Code as amended,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

Was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the bill entitled,

"An act to provide for the appointment of a Board of Fishery Commissioners, and for the protection and propagation of fish, and appropriating money for the same,"

Was taken up for consideration.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the various blanks in the bill were filled,

And, upon his further motion,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House;

And, upon the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

Mr. Mustard called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken were, as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Brown, Burnite, Cochran, Hall, Holcomb, Morris, Nicholson, Taylor, Thompson, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker—14.

Nays—Messrs. Messick, Mustard, Rickards and Robinson—4.

The bill having received the majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Brown, the bill entitled,

“An act to incorporate the Agricultural Society of Kent county, at Dover,”

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

And, upon the question, “Shall this bill pass the House?”

The yeas and nays, were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Brown, Burnite, Cochran, Hall, Holcomb, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Rickards, Robinson, Taylor, Thompson, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker—17.

Nays—None.

The bill having received the constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Rickards moved,

That when the House adjourns it adjourns to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock,

Which motion

Prevailed.

Mr. Wright moved that the House do now adjourn,

Which motion was

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the bill entitled,

“An act to further amend Chapter 152, Volume 15, Laws of Delaware, entitled ‘An act to incorporate the city of New Castle,’ ”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Brown, the vote by which the bill entitled,

"An act to encourage the cultivation of Sugar Beets,"

Was lost, was reconsidered.

On motion of Mr. Wright, the bill entitled,

"An act to amend Chapter 48, 15th Volume, Delaware Laws,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Ware, the Senate bill entitled,

"A supplement to the act entitled, 'An act to incorporate the Every Evening Publishing Company, passed Feb. 23, 1875,'"

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the bill entitled,

"An act to reduce taxation,"

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Morris, the bill entitled,

"An act to prohibit live stock from running at large on the public highways, in School District No. 59, in New Castle county,"

Was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Ware, the bill entitled,

"An act to further amend the Charter of the City of Wilmington,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Ware, the bill entitled,

"A further supplement to an act entitled, 'An act to incorporate the New Castle County Mutual Insurance Company,' passed at Dover, February 6, 1849,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

And upon the question, "Shall this bill pass the house?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Brown, Burnite, Cochran, Hall, Holcomb, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Nicholson, Rickards, Robinson, Taylor, Thompson, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker—16.

Nays—None.

The bill having received the constitutional majority

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Hall moved, that the House do now adjourn,

And upon the question, "Shall the House now adjourn?"

Mr. Bartholomew called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Brown, Burnite, Hall, Messick, Morris, Nicholson, Rickards, Taylor, Thompson, Ware and Wright—12.

Nays—Messrs. Bird, Cochran, Holcomb, Mustard, Robinson and Mr. Speaker—6.

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the House adjourned until 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, *March 9*, 1877—9 o'clock, A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Bird,

The reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

Mr. Robinson, on behalf of the committee on Enrollment, reported the following House bills as duly and correctly enrolled, viz :

“An act to lay out a new road and vacate an old road, in North Murderkill hundred, in Kent county ;”

“An act to authorize the Recorder of Deeds in and for New Castle County to make certain indexes ;”

“An act to amend Sections 12 and 13, of Chapter 479, of Volume 13, Part 3, of the Laws of the State of Delaware, entitled ‘An act to incorporate the town of Felton, and for other purposes,’ passed at Dover, April 8, 1869 ;”

“An act to further amend Chapter 152, Volume 15, Laws of Delaware, entitled ‘An act to incorporate the city of New Castle ;’ ”

“An act to amend Section 3, Chapter 104, of the Revised Code ;”

“An act to amend the Charter of the City of Wilmington ;”

“An act to amend the act entitled ‘An act to amend Chapter 7, Revised Code of 1852, as published in amended Code of 1874,’ passed at Dover, January 26, 1877, ”

And presented the same for the signature of the Speaker of the House.

Mr. Ware, on behalf of the committee on Corporations, to whom was referred sundry bills, reported the following Senate bills back to the House, viz :

“A supplement to the act entitled, ‘An act to incorporate the Smyrna Building and Loan Association of the Town of Smyrna, passed at Dover, March 12, 1867 ;’ ”

“A further supplement to an act entitled, ‘An act to incorporate the Trustees of the Home for Friendless and Destitute Children in the city of Wilmington ;’ ”

“An act in relation to the Wilmington City Railway;”

Also, the following House bill :

“An act to incorporate the Summit Methodist Episcopal Church of Pencader hundred,”

With a recommendation that they do pass.

Mr. Morris, on behalf of the committee on Roads and Highways, to whom was referred sundry bills, reported the following Senate bills back to the House, viz ;

“An act authorizing Isaac Cirwithin and Riley W. Bennett to lay out a public road on their own lands ;”

“An act to authorize the laying out of a public road in Milford hundred, Kent county, State of Delaware;”

“An act to authorize Wm. H. Donovan, to place two gates across a certain road running across his farm;”

Also, the following House bill :

“An act to enable Betsey Burton to change a certain public road in Indian River hundred, Sussex county, Delaware,”

With a recommendation that they do pass.

Mr. Wright, on behalf of the committee on Revised Statutes, to whom was referred the Senate bill entitled,

“An act to amend Chapter 176, Volume 4, Laws of Delaware,”

Reported the same back to the House,

With a recommendation that the bill pass.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the bill just reported from the committee

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

And upon the question, “shall this bill pass the House?”

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Brown, Burnite, Cochran, Hall, Holcomb, Morris, Mustard, Nicholson, Rickards, Robinson, Taylor, Thompson, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker—17.

Nays—None.

The bill having received the constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

On motion of Mr. Messick, the bill entitled,

“An act to repeal so much of the stock law as applies to that part of School District No. 72, lying in Nanticoke hundred, Sussex county,”

Was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Taylor, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate requested the return to that body the House bill entitled,

“An act in relation to the collection of school taxes in United School Districts Nos. 60, 90, 91, 92, 18 and 101, in Kent county, constituting the Dover Public Schools,”

Mr. Morris moved,

That the counsel for Randall have leave to withdraw from the files of the House the affidavit of John F. Coyle and the letter of Wm. G. Whiteley, Esq., accompanying the same,

Which motion

Prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Ware, the bill entitled,

“An act to incorporate the Jessup & Moore Paper Company,”

Was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House ;

And upon the question, “Shall this bill pass the House ?”

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Brown, Burnite, Cochran, Hall, Holcomb, Morris, Mustard, Nicholson, Rickards, Robinson, Taylor, Thompson, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker—16.

Nays—None.

The bill having received the constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Morris, the Senate bill entitled,

“A supplement to the act entitled, ‘An act to incorporate the Every Evening Publishing Company, passed Feb. 23, 1875,’”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Bird, the Senate bill entitled,

“An act to incorporate the Panama Transit Steamship Company,”

Was read a second time, by its title,

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

Mr. Bird moved that the bill entitled,

“An act in relation to the collecting of School Taxes in United School Districts Nos. 60, 90, 91, 92, 18 and 101, in Kent county, constituting the Dover Public Schools,”

Be returned to the Senate in compliance with the request,

Which motion

Prevailed.

And the Clerk was directed to return the same to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Morris, the Senate bill entitled,

“An act for the protection of live stock in the State of Delaware,”

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Robinson, the Senate bill entitled,

“An act to lay out a new public road partly in Dagsborough hundred and partly in Indian River hundred, in the county of Sussex, State of Delaware,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Roads and Highways.

On motion of Mr. Cochran, the Senate bill entitled,

"An act to amend an act entitled, 'An act to amend and renew the Charter of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company of St. George's and Appoquinimink hundreds, in New Castle county, for the period of twenty years,' passed at Dover, January 22d, 1869,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the bill entitled,

"An act to reduce taxation,"

Was read a second time by its title.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the New Castle Co-operative Store Company,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Cochran, the Senate bill entitled,

"An act to amend Chapter 353, Volume 14, Delaware Laws,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Bird, the bill entitled,

"An act to amend an act entitled, 'An act to amend Chapter 111, of the Revised Code,'"

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Rickards, the Senate bill entitled,

"An act to amend Chapter 22, Volume 14, Laws of Delaware, entitled, 'An act to raise revenue for State and County purposes,'"

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Wright, the bill entitled,

"An act to divorce Sarah A. Butler and her husband, George W. Butler, from the bonds of matrimony,"

Was read a second time by its title.

On motion of Mr. Mustard, the bill entitled,

"An act to enable Betsey Burton to change a certain public road in Indian River hundred, Sussex county, Delaware,"

Was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Wright, on behalf of the committee on Revised Statutes, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

"An act to enable Thomas P. Walls to sell certain real estate in Sussex county, and make title to the same,"

Reported the same back to the House, with an amendment,

With a recommendation that the bill pass.

On motion of Mr. Wright, the amendment was read,

And, upon his further motion,

The amendment was *Adopted.*

Mr. Nicholson moved, that the bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Summit Methodist Episcopal Church, of Pencader hundred,"

Be taken up for consideration,

Which motion *Prevailed.*

Mr. Burnite moved, that the bill be laid on the table,

Which motion was *Lost.*

Mr. Hall moved,

That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until Tuesday next;

Which motion *Prevailed.*

Mr. Wright offered a Joint Resolution entitled,

"Joint Resolution appointing George O. Shakespeare, Librarian and Custodian of the Capitol Building,"

Which, on his motion, was read.

Mr. Wright moved the adoption of the resolution.

Mr. Holcomb moved,

That the resolution be laid on the table,

Which motion *Prevailed.*

Mr. Holcomb offered a joint resolution entitled,

"Joint Resolution authorizing the State Treasurer to borrow money,"

Which, on his motion, was read,

And, upon his further motion,

Was *Adopted.*

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

The Speaker appointed as the Joint Committee on the part of the House, to settle with the State Treasurer, receive the Auditor's report and audit the accounts of the Clerks of the General Assembly,

Messrs. Holcomb, Wright and Morris.

On motion of Mr. Messick, the bill entitled,

"An act to change the place of holding elections, in Broad Creek hundred, in Sussex county,"

Was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And *Passed the House.*

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Cochran, the bill entitled,

"An act to enable the owners and possessors of the St. Augustine Marsh Company effectually to embank and drain the same,"

Was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

And, upon the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Brown, Burnite, Cochran, Hall, Holcomb, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Nicholson, Rickards, Robinson, Taylor, Thompson, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker—17.

Nays—None.

The bill having received the constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Brown, the Senate bill entitled,

"An act authorizing the appointment of an additional Notary Public,"

Was read.

Mr. Rickards moved,

That when the House adjourns it adjourns to meet on Monday next at 3 o'clock in the afternoon,

Which motion

Prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Bird, the Senate bill entitled,

"A supplement to an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Brandywine Water Power Company,' passed at Dover, February 12, 1867,"

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, the Senate bill entitled,

"An act granting to the United States the title to a certain public road in Cedar Creek hundred, in Sussex county,"

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Burnite, the Senate bill entitled,

"An act to amend Chapter 72, Volume 14, Laws of Delaware,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Cochran, the Senate bill entitled,

"An act to amend Chapter 48 of the 15th Volume of Delaware Laws,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Holcomb offered a resolution,

Which, on his motion, was read, as follows:

Resolved, That C. D. Crutchfield be, and he is hereby appointed Reading Clerk for the balance of the session, at such compensation as may be allowed by committee on Accounts.

Mr. Holcomb moved the adoption of the resolution ;

Mr. Brown moved that the resolution be laid on the table,

Which motion was *Lost*.

Mr. Wright moved to postpone the further consideration of the resolution until Monday next,

Mr. Robinson moved to amend the motion by making it Tuesday next,

Pending the motion of Mr. Robinson,

Mr. Hall moved, that the House do now adjourn,

Which motion *Prevailed*.

And the House adjourned until Monday next, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

MONDAY, *March 12*, 1877—3 o'clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. Holcomb moved, that the vote by which the Senate bill entitled,

"An act to amend Chapter 176, Volume 4, Laws of Delaware,"

Passed the House, be reconsidered,

Which motion *Prevailed*.

Mr. Robinson moved, that the Senate bill entitled,

"An act to authorize Wm. H. Donovan, to place two gates across a certain road running across his farm,"

Be read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House;

Pending the motion ordering the bill read third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

Mr. Hall moved,

That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until tomorrow afternoon,

Which motion *Prevailed.*

Mr. Messick presented the remonstrance of M. M. Hill and 24 others, against the passage of the bill entitled,

"An act regulating the sale of spiritous, vinous and malt liquors."

Mr. Brown presented the remonstrance of Harry Steele and 22 others;

Also, the remonstrance of Wm. H. Ridgway and 60 others, against the passage of the same bill.

Mr. Rickards presented the remonstrance of Geo. T. Dodd and 80 others, against the passage of the same bill;

Also, the remonstrance of Wm. S. McCabe and 40 others, against the passage of the same bill,

Which were referred to the special committee raised on that subject.

On motion of Mr. Ware, the Senate bill entitled,

"A further supplement to an act entitled, An act to incorporate the Trustees of the Home for Friendless and Destitute Children, in the City of Wilmington,"

Was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

And, upon the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Burnite, Hall, Holcomb, Morris, Mustard, Nicholson, Rickards, Robinson, Saulsbury, Taylor, Thompson, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker—16.

Nays—None.

The bill having received the constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

On motion of Mr. Bird, the Senate bill entitled,

"A supplement to an act entitled, an act to incorporate the Brandywine Water Power Company, passed at Dover Feb. 12, 1867,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Ware, the Senate bill entitled,

"An act in relation to the Wilmington City Railway,"

Was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

And, upon the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Brown, Burnite, Hall, Holcomb, Morris, Mustard, Nicholson, Rickards, Robinson, Saulsbury, Taylor, Thompson, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker—17.

Nays—None.

The bill having received the constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Holcomb moved that the bill entitled,

"An act to prevent certain live stock from running at large in School District No. 50, in New Castle county,"

Be read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House;

And, upon the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

The question was decided in the negative,

And the bill was

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, the bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Seaford Fire Insurance Company,"

Was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House;
Pending the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

Mr. Robinson moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed,

Which motion *Prevailed.*

Mr. Ware, on behalf of the committee on Corporations, to whom was referred the Senate bill entitled,

"A supplement to the act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Every Evening Publishing Company,' passed February 23, 1875,"

Reported the same back to the House, with an amendment.

Mr. Ware moved that the bill just reported be read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

Which motion *Prevailed.*

Mr. Ware moved to reconsider the vote just taken,

Which motion *Prevailed.*

On motion of Mr. Ware,

The bill was taken up for consideration.

And, upon his further motion,

The amendment reported from the committee was read as follows:

Amend the bill by inserting the following words after the last word in Section 1: "A majority of the whole number of directors to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business,"

Which, on motion of Mr. Ware,

Was *Adopted.*

And, upon his further motion,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

And, upon the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Brown, Burnite, Holcomb, Morris, Mustard, Rickards, Robinson, Saulsbury, Taylor, Thompson, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker—15.

Nays—None.

The bill having received the constitutional majority

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

On motion of Mr. Burnite, the Senate amendment to the House bill entitled,

“An act to authorize the laying out of a new public road in North Murderkill and South Murderkill hundreds, in Kent county,”

Was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion,

The amendment was read as follows :

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Amend the bill by striking out the words “that they” in the beginning of the twenty-first line of Section 1, and inserting in lieu thereof the words “The Levy Court.”

MERRIS TAYLOR,

Clerk of Senate.

For concurrence.

Extract from Journal.

On motion of Mr. Burnite, the Senate amendment

Was

Concurred In.

Ordered, That the Senate be informed thereof.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the bill entitled,

“A supplement to Chapter 418 of Volume 14 of the Laws,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the special committee to whom was referred the bill entitled,

“An act regulating the sale of spirituous, vinous or malt liquors.”

On motion of Mr. Hall, the Senate bill entitled,

"An act to authorize the laying out of a public road in Milford hundred, Kent county, State of Delaware,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Mustard moved,

That the Senate be requested to return to the House the Senate bill entitled,

"An act in relation to roads and bridges passing over mill dams."

Mr. Hall moved that the motion be laid on the table,

Which motion was

Lost.

The question then recurring upon the motion of Mr. Mustard,

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the Senate was requested to return the bill.

On motion of Mr. Hall, the Senate bill entitled,

"An act authorizing Isaac Cirwithin and Riley W. Bennett, to lay out a public road on their own lands,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Holcomb, in pursuance of previous notice, asked,

And, on motion of Mr. Robinson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to repeal Chapter 419, Volume 14, Laws of Delaware,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, was read.

On motion of Mr. Mustard, the Senate bill entitled,

"An act to repeal and supply Chapter 437, Volume 14, Delaware Laws;"

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Mustard, the bill entitled,

"An act authorizing and requiring the School Committee of School District No. 161, in Sussex county, to raise three hundred dollars, and for other purposes,"

Was taken up for consideration.

On motion of Mr. Mustard, the amendments were read,

And, upon his further motion,

The amendments were

Adopted.

And, on motion of Mr. Mustard,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

And, upon the question "Shall this bill pass the House?"

Mr. Robinson called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Brown, Holcomb, Mustard, Nicholson, Taylor, Ware and Mr. Speaker—8.

Nays—Messrs. Burnite, Hall, Messick, Morris, Rickards, Robinson, Saulsbury, Thompson and Wright—9.

The question was decided in the negative,

And the bill was

Lost.

Mr. Holcomb presented the claim of The Philadelphia Butcher Ice and Coal Co.,

Which was referred to the committee on Claims.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, the Senate bill entitled,

"A supplement to the act entitled, 'An act to incorporate the Smyrna Building and Loan Association of the town of Smyrna, passed at Dover, March 12, 1867,'"

Was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

And, upon the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Brown, Burnite, Hall, Holcomb, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Nicholson, Rickards, Robinson, Saulsbury, Taylor, Thompson, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker—18.

Nays—None.

The bill, having received the constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, the bill entitled,

"An act to enable Thomas P. Walls to sell certain real estate in Sussex county, and make a title to the same,"

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Taylor moved,

That the bill be read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

Mr. Robinson moved to postpone the further consideration of the bill until Thursday next.

Mr. Morris moved to lay the bill on the table,

Which motion

Prevailed.

On motion the House adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow, morning.

TUESDAY, *March 13*, 1877—10 o'clock, A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. Taylor, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in the following Senate bills, viz :

“An act to amend Chapter 47, Section 7, of the Revised Code ;”

“A supplement to the act entitled ‘An act to exempt from execution process certain articles of personal property,’ passed at Dover, April 10, 1873,”

And presented the same to the House ;

Also, that the Senate had concurred in the following House bills, viz :

“An act to amend Chapter 190, Volume 15, Laws of Delaware ;”

“An act to amend Section 2, Chapter 6, of the Revised Code as amended ;”

“An act to repeal Section 14, Chapter 390, Volume 13, of the Laws of this State and for other purposes ;”

“A further supplement to the act entitled ‘An act to regulate the building of wharves in the city of Wilmington,’ passed at Dover, February 6, 1855 ;”

“An act to amend Section 10 of Chapter 128 of the Revised Code ;”

“An act in relation to the duty of hundred collectors receiving school tax duplicates ;”

“An act to amend Chapter 83 of the Revised Code ;”

“An act to amend Chapter 444 of Volume 13, of the Laws of Delaware, entitled, ‘Of Ditches ;’”

“An act to amend Chapter 55 of the Revised Code ;”

“An act to consolidate School Districts, Nos. 50, and 108 in Kent county, under the title of ‘The Magnolia Public Schools,’ ”

And returned the same to the House.

He also informed the House that the Senate had concurred in the House amendment to the Senate bill entitled,

“A supplement to the act entitled ‘An act to incorporate the Every Evening Publishing Company,’ passed February 23, 1875.”

Mr. Robinson, on behalf of the committee on Enrollment, reported the following House bills as duly and correctly enrolled, viz :

“An act to repeal Chapter 173. of the Fifteenth Volume of the Laws of the State of Delaware, and to provide for an additional term of the Court of Appeals;”

“An act to divorce Joseph B. Lingo, and Sarah E. Lingo, his wife, from the bonds of matrimony;”

“An act to organize the Maryland and Delaware Railroad, after foreclosure and sale, by that or some other name that may hereafter be adopted, and to incorporate the same into a body politic,”

And presented the same for the signature of the Speaker of the House.

Mr. Ware on behalf of the committee on Corporations, to whom was referred sundry bills,

Reported the following House bills back to the House, viz :

“A supplement to the act entitled, ‘An act to incorporate the town of Lewes and for other purposes;’”

“An act providing for the consolidation of the Junction and Breakwater Railroad Company and the Breakwater and Frankford Railroad Company, with each other, and with other railroad companies in Maryland and Virginia;”

“An act to incorporate the New Castle Co-operative Store Company;”

Also, the following Senate bills, viz :

“An act to re-incorporate the Newark Building and Loan Association;”

“An act to amend an act entitled, ‘An act to amend and renew the Charter of the Farmers’ Mutual Fire Insurance Company of St. George’s and Appoquinimink hundreds, in New Castle county, for the period of twenty years,’ passed at Dover, January 22d, 1869,”

“An act to incorporate the Panama Transit Steamship Company;”

Also, the following House bill :

“An act to further amend Chapter 152, Volume 15, Laws of Delaware, entitled, ‘An act to incorporate the City of New Castle,’”

With a recommendation that they do pass.

Mr. Wright, on behalf of the committee on Revised Statutes, to whom was referred sundry bills,

Reported the following House bills back to the House, viz :

“An act in relation to purchasers of real estate sold by a trustee under an order of the Orphans’ Court,”

With an amendment ;

“An act to limit the time when debts not of record shall be liens against the real estate of deceased persons ;”

“An act to amend Chapter 405, Volume 12, of Delaware Laws ;”

“An act in relation to the liability of principal and surety,”

With an amendment ;

“An act for the benefit of the Practical Farmer ;”

Also, the following Senate bills, viz :

“An act to amend Chapter 353, Volume 14, Delaware Laws,”

With an amendment ;

“An act exempting residents of this State from taxation on foreign investments.”

Mr. Bird on behalf of the committee on Divorces, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

“An act dissolving the bonds of matrimony between Sarah E. Hickman and Caleb J. Hickman,”

Reported the same back to the House,

With a recommendation that the bill pass.

Mr. Bird presented the following claims, viz :

The claim of Adams Express Company ;

The claim of the Western Union Telegraph Company ;

The claim of C. P. Johnson ;

Which, on his motion,

Were referred to the committee on Claims.

Mr. Burnite offered a resolution,

Which was read, as follows :

Resolved, That the request of the House for the return from the Senate of "An act in relation to roads and bridges passing over mill dams," be withdrawn,

Which, on his motion,

Was

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the bill entitled,

"An act to further amend Chapter 152, Volume 15, Laws of Delaware, entitled 'An act to incorporate the city of New Castle,' "

Was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

And, upon the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Brown, Burnite, Cochran, Hall, Holcomb, Messick, Morris, Nicholson, Rickards, Robinson, Saulsbury, Taylor, Thompson, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker—18.

Nays—None.

The bill having received the constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Bird, the Senate bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Panama Transit Steamship Company,"

Was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

And, upon the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays, were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Brown, Burnite, Cochran, Hall, Holcomb, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Nicholson, Rickards,

Robinson, Saulsbury, Taylor, Thompson, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker—19.

Nays—None.

The bill having received the constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

On motion of Mr. Ware, the bill entitled,

“An act for the relief of Married Women,”

Was taken up for consideration.

On motion of Mr. Ware,

The bill was ordered to be read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

And upon the question, “Shall that be the enacting clause of the bill?”

Mr. Bartholomew called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Brown, Burnite, Cochran, Messick, Mustard, Robinson, Taylor, Thompson, Wright and Mr. Speaker—11.

Nays—Messrs. Bartholomew, Hall, Holcomb, Morris, Nicholson, Rickards, Saulsbury and Ware—8.

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the enacting clause was

Adopted.

And, upon the question, “Shall this bill pass the House?”

Mr. Bartholomew called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Brown, Burnite, Cochran, Messick, Mustard, Taylor, Thompson, Wright and Mr. Speaker—10.

Nays—Messrs. Bartholomew, Hall, Holcomb, Morris, Nicholson, Rickards, Robinson, Saulsbury and Ware—9.

The bill having received a majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Hall, the bill entitled,
 "An act prohibiting live stock from running at large within certain limits in Milford hundred,"

Was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Ware, the bill entitled,

"An act to amend Chapter 405, Volume 12, of Delaware Laws,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Holcomb, in pursuance of previous notice, asked,

And, on motion of Mr. Mustard,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to amend Chapter herein named,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, was read.

On motion of Mr. Nicholson, the bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Summit Methodist Episcopal Church of Pencader hundred,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs in order to pass the House ;

And, upon the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Brown, Cochran, Hall, Hol-

comb, Messick, Mustard, Nicholson, Rickards, Robinson, Saulsbury, Thompson, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker—16.

Nays—None.

The bill having received the constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Hall, in pursuance of previous notice, asked,

And, on motion of Mr. Mustard,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to convert six hundred thousand dollars of the Internal Improvement Bonds of the State, into five per centum bonds, payable in 1910, and the interest saved hereby to create a sinking fund for the purpose named in this act,”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Hall, was read.

On motion of Mr. Bird, the bill entitled,

“An act to amend Section 3 of Chapter 68, of the Revised Code,”

Was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Cochran, the Senate bill entitled,

“An act exempting residents of this State from taxation on foreign investments,”

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Cochran moved,

To read the bill a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

Which motion

Prevailed.

Pending the adoption of Section 2,

Mr. Holcomb moved,

To postpone the further consideration of the bill until this afternoon,

Which motion

Prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Brown, the Senate bill entitled,

“An act authorizing the appointment of an additional Notary Public,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Rickards, the Senate bill entitled,

“An act to amend Chapter 22, Volume 14, Laws of Delaware, entitled ‘An act to raise revenue for State and County purposes,’ ”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion, the House adjourned until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

SAME DAY—3 o'clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Mustard, the bill entitled,

“A supplement to the act entitled ‘An act to incorporate the town of Lewes, and for other purposes,’ ”

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

The bill was recommitted to the committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Wright, the bill entitled,

“An act in relation to the liability of principal and surety,”

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

The amendment reported from the committee was read,

And, upon his further motion,

The amendment was

Adopted,

On motion of Mr. Wright,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Robinson, the Senate bill entitled,

“An act to authorize Wm. H. Donovan, to place two gates across a certain public road running across his farm,”

Was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Lost.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Taylor, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in the following bill :

“An act to incorporate the Milford, Milton and Rehoboth Railroad Company, and for other purposes,”

And presented the same to the House ;

Also, that the Senate had adopted the following Senate Joint Resolution entitled,

“Joint Resolution appointing a State Librarian and Custodian of the Capitol Building,”

And presented the same for the concurrence of the House ;

Also, that the following Senate bills had been found duly and correctly enrolled, which had received the signature of the Speaker of the Senate, viz :

“An act to renew and re-enact the Charter of St. Joseph’s Beneficial Society of Brandywine, Delaware;”

“An act to amend the act entitled ‘An act to incorporate the Indian River and Rehoboth Bay Oyster Planting Company,’ passed at Dover, March 23, 1875 ;”

"An act to incorporate the Delmar and Millsborough Railroad Company;"

"An act to incorporate the Masonic Hall Company, of Newport, Delaware,"

And presented the same for the signature of the Speaker of the House.

Also, that the following House bills and Joint Resolution had been found duly and correctly enrolled, and had received the signature of the Speaker of the Senate, viz :

"A supplement to an act authorizing the owners and possessors of the marsh and low grounds, commonly called and known as Tappannahh Marsh, situate in the forest of Dover hundred, in Kent county, to cut a ditch or drain through the same ;"

"An act to incorporate the purchasers of the Wilmington and Western Railroad ;"

"An act to amend Section 3, of Chapter 104, of the Revised Code ;"

"An act to amend the act entitled, 'An act to amend Chapter 7, Revised Code of 1852, as published in amended Code of 1874, passed at Dover, January 26th, 1877 ;' "

"An act to amend Chapter 34 of the Revised Statutes, 'concerning Constables ;' "

"An act to further amend the Charter of the City of Wilmington ;"

"An act to amend Chapter 152, Volume 15, Laws of Delaware, entitled 'An act to incorporate the city of New Castle ;' "

"An act to amend Sections 12 and 13 of Chapter 479, of Volume 13, Part 3 of the Laws of the State of Delaware, entitled, 'An act to incorporate the town of Felton, and for other purposes,' passed at Dover, April 8th, 1869,"

"An act to authorize the Recorder of Deeds in and for New Castle county, to make certain indexes ;"

"An act to lay out a new road and vacate an old road, in North Murderkill hundred, in Kent county ;"

And returned the same to the House.

Also, that the following Senate Joint Resolution had been found

duly and correctly enrolled, and had received the signature of the Speaker of the Senate, viz :

“Joint Resolution appointing a committee to settle with the State Treasurer and the Auditor of Accounts, and to audit the accounts of the Clerks of the Legislature,”

And presented the same for the signature of the Speaker of the House.

On motion of Mr. Wright, the Senate Joint Resolution entitled,

“Joint Resolution appointing a State Librarian and Custodian of the Capitol Building,”

Was read.

Mr. Wright moved to postpone the further consideration of the resolution until to-morrow afternoon.

Which motion

Prevailed.

On motion the bill entitled,

“An act to incorporate the Nonsuch Marsh Company,”

Was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

And, upon the question, “shall this bill pass the House?”

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Brown, Burnite, Cochran, Hall, Holcomb, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Nicholson, Rickards, Robinson, Saulsbury, Taylor, Thompson, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker—19.

Nays—None.

The bill having received the constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Robinson, the Senate bill entitled,

“An act to incorporate the Milford, Milton and Rehoboth Railroad Company, and for other purposes,”

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Robinson,

Rule 12 was suspended and the bill was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

Mr. Ware, on behalf of the committee on Corporations, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

"An act in relation to taxation in certain parts of the city of Wilmington,"

Reported the same back to the House,

With a recommendation that the bill pass.

On motion of Mr. Ware, the bill just reported from the committee,

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

And, upon the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Brown, Cochran, Hall, Holcomb, Messick, Mustard, Nicholson, Rickards, Saulsbury, Taylor, Thompson, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker—16.

Nays—None.

The bill having received the constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Cochran, the Senate bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Newark Building and Loan Association,"

Was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

Pending the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

Mr. Cochran moved to postpone the further consideration of the bill,

Which motion

Prevailed.

And the bill was postponed.

On motion of Mr. Hall, the Senate bill entitled,

“An act granting to the United States the title to a certain public road in Cedar Creek hundred, Sussex county,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Roads and Highways.

Mr. Bird, on behalf of the special committee to whom was referred the bill entitled,

“An act to establish a State Work House for all persons convicted of crime punishable with imprisonment,”

Reported the same back to the House, with an amendment.

On motion of Mr. Bird, the bill just reported from the committee,

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

The amendment was read.

On motion of Mr. Hall, the bill entitled,

“An act providing for the consolidation of the Junction and Breakwater Railroad Company and the Breakwater and Frankford Railroad Company with each other, and with other railroad companies in Maryland and Virginia,”

Was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

And, upon the question, “Shall this bill pass the House?”

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Burnite, Cochran, Hall, Holcomb, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Nicholson, Rickards, Robinson, Saulsbury, Taylor, Thompson, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker—18.

Nays—None.

The bill having received the constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Bird presented the claim of Messrs. Hargadine and Wallace,
Which, on his motion,

Was referred to the committee on Claims.

On motion of Mr. Wright, the bill entitled,

“An act in relation to purchasers of real estate sold by a trustee
under an order of the Orphans’ Court,”

Was taken up for consideration.

On motion of Mr. Wright,

The amendment reported from the committee, was read,

And, upon his further motion,

Was

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Wright,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Wright presented the remonstrance of I. G. Lofland and 108
others, against the passage of the bill entitled,

“An act regulating the sale of spirituous, vinous or malt liquors.”

Mr. Rickards presented the remonstrance of John Wilgus and
others, against the passage of the same bill,

Which were referred to the special committee raised on that subject.

Mr. Wright presented the claim of James Kirk & Sons,

Which was referred to the committee on Claims.

Mr. Holcomb offered a joint resolution entitled,

“Joint resolution authorizing the Governor to employ counsel in
certain cases,”

Which, on his motion, was read,

And, upon his further motion,

Was

Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Rickards, the Senate bill entitled,

“A supplement to the act entitled ‘An act to exempt from execution process certain articles of personal property,’ passed at Dover, April 10, 1873,”

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Mustard, the bill entitled,

“An act to promote the education of colored people and for other purposes,”

Was taken up for consideration.

On motion of Mr. Mustard,

The amendments reported from the committee were read,

And, upon his further motion,

The amendments were

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Mustard,

The bill was ordered to be read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

And, upon the question “Shall that be Section 2 of the bill?”

Mr. Robinson called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Brown, Cochran, Hall, Holcomb, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Nicholson, Rickards, Saulsbury, Ware and Mr. Speaker—14.

Nays—Messrs. Burnite, Robinson, Taylor, Thompson and Wright—5.

The question was decided in the affirmative ;

And, section 2 was

Adopted.

Mr. Robinson moved, that the further consideration of the bill be indefinitely postponed ;

And upon the question, “Shall the further consideration of the bill be indefinitely postponed?”

Mr. Robinson called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Burnite, Robinson, Taylor, Thompson, Wright and Mr. Speaker—6.

Nays—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Brown, Cochran, Hall, Holcomb, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Nicholson, Rickards, Saulsbury and Ware—13.

The question was decided in the negative,

And the motion to indefinitely postpone the further consideration of the bill,

Was *Lost.*

Mr. Mustard moved,

To postpone the further consideration of the bill until Thursday next at 11 o'clock,

Which motion was *Lost.*

The reading of the bill was continued.

Upon the question, "Shall that be the enacting clause of the bill?"

Mr. Robinson called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Brown, Cochran, Hall, Holcomb, Morris, Mustard, Nicholson, Rickards, Saulsbury and Ware—12.

Nays—Messrs. Burnite, Messick, Robinson, Taylor, Thompson, Wright and Mr. Speaker—7.

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the enacting clause of the bill

Was *Adopted.*

And, upon the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

Mr. Robinson called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Brown, Cochran, Hall, Holcomb, Morris, Mustard, Nicholson, Rickards, Saulsbury and Ware—12.

Nays—Messrs. Burnite, Messick, Robinson, Taylor, Thompson, Wright and Mr. Speaker—7.

The bill having received a majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion the House adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow, morning.

WEDNESDAY, *March 14*, 1877—10 o'clock, A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. Robinson, on behalf of the committee on Enrollment, reported the following House bills as duly and correctly enrolled, viz :

“An act to re-incorporate the town of St. George’s, and for other purposes ;”

“An act to prohibit live stock from running at large in School District No. 67, in New Castle county ;”

“An act to authorize the laying out of a new public road in North Murderkill and South Murderkill hundreds, in Kent county ;”

“An act to lay out a public road in North Murderkill hundred, in Kent county ;”

“An act to provide for the better protection of the traveling public and to insure the prompt transportation and delivery of fruits and freights ;”

“An act for the appointment of an additional Notary Public in Sussex county ;”

“An act appointing commissioners to lay out a public road in Kent county ;”

"An act to enable Peter Hastings to change the course of a public road running through his own lands ;"

"An act to divorce Virginia Chandler from her husband Jesse Chandler ;"

"An act to amend Chapter 50 of the Revised Code ;"

"An act limiting the power of the Road Commissioners of New Castle hundred to lay and collect a tax ;"

"An act to amend Chapter 444, Volume 13, of the Laws of Delaware, entitled 'Of Ditches ;' "

"An act to confirm an ordinance of the city of Wilmington vacating parts of Walnut, Spruce, and Second Streets ;"

"An act in relation to the duty of hundred collectors receiving school tax duplicates ;"

"An act to amend Section 10 of Chapter 128 of the Revised Code ;"

"An act to amend Section 2 of Chapter 6 of the Revised Code ;"

"A further supplement to the act entitled 'An act to regulate the building of wharves in the city of Wilmington,' passed at Dover, February 6, 1855 ;"

"An act to consolidate School Districts Nos. 50 and 108 in Kent county, under the title of 'The Magnolia Public Schools ;' "

"An act to repeal Section 14, Chapter 390, Volume 13, of the Laws of this State, and for other purposes ;"

"An act to amend Chapter 190, Volume 15, Laws of Delaware ;"

"An act to amend Chapter 83 of the Revised Code ;"

And presented the same for the signature of the Speaker of the House.

Mr. Ware, on behalf of the committee on Corporations, to whom was referred sundry bills,

Reported the following House bills back to the House, viz :

"An act to confirm and establish an act entitled, 'An act to provide a Sinking Fund for the payment of the city debt of Wilmington,'"

With a recommendation that the bill pass ;

Also, upon the petition of William Timmons,

Reported a bill entitled,

"An act to revive, re-enact and amend the act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Gum Branch Ditch Company, of Sussex county, Delaware,' passed at Dover, February 15, 1866."

Mr. Morris, on behalf of the committee on Roads and Highways, to whom was referred sundry bills, reported the following Senate bill entitled,

"An act to lay out a new public road,"

With a recommendation that the bill pass.

Also. reported back to the House the House bill entitled,

"An act to prohibit horses, cattle, sheep and swine from running at large within the limits of the grounds or land of the Rehoboth Beach Camp Meeting Association of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Sussex county,"

With a recommendation that the bill does not pass.

Mr. Wright on behalf of the committee on Revised Statutes, to whom was referred sundry bills,

Reported the following Senate bill back to the House with an amendment,

With a recommendation that the bill pass :

"An act to amend Chapter 72; Volume 14, Laws of Delaware;"

Also, the following House bill entitled,

"An act to amend an act entitled, 'An act to amend Chapter 111, of the Revised Code,'"

Without recommendation.

Mr. Cochran on behalf of the committee on Education, to whom was referred the following bills, viz :

"An act establishing a Normal Department in Delaware College;"

"An act to divide School District No. 27, in Kent county,"

Reported the same back to the House,

With a recommendation that they do pass.

Mr. Wright presented the claim of Wm. P. Godwin,

Which was referred to the committee on Claims.

Mr. Robinson offered a joint resolution entitled,

“Joint Resolution authorizing the State Treasurer to pay the members of this General Assembly their per diem and mileage in gold coin or its equivalent in currency,”

Which, on his motion was read.

Mr. Robinson moved the adoption of the resolution ;

And upon the question, “Shall the resolution be adopted?”

Mr. Morris called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Brown, Cochran, Holcomb, Messick, Nicholson, Rickards, Robinson, Saulsbury, Taylor, Thompson and Wright—12.

Nays—Messrs. Bartholomew, Burnite, Hall, Morris, Mustard, Ware and Mr. Speaker—7.

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the resolution was

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Wright, the bill entitled,

“An act to repeal Chapter 188 of the 15th Volume of the Laws of the State of Delaware,”

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Wright moved,

That the bill be read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

Which motion

Prevailed.

Pending the reading of the bill,

Mr. Cochran moved,

That the further consideration of the bill be indefinitely postponed,

And upon the question, “Shall the further consideration of the bill be indefinitely postponed?”

Mr. Wright called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Brown, Burnite, Cochran, Holcomb, Nicholson, Ware and Mr. Speaker—9.

Nays—Messrs. Hall, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Rickards, Robinson, Saulsbury, Taylor, Thompson and Wright—10.

The question was decided in the negative,
And the motion to postpone the bill indefinitely

Was

Lost.

Upon the question, "Shall that be the enacting clause of the bill?"

Mr. Wright called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Holcomb, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Rickards, Robinson, Saulsbury, Taylor, Thompson and Wright—10.

Nays—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Brown, Burnite, Cochran, Holcomb, Nicholson, Ware and Mr. Speaker—9.

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the enacting clause of the bill

Was

Adopted.

Mr. Holcomb moved, that the bill be indefinitely postponed,

And, upon the question, "Shall the bill be indefinitely postponed?"

Mr. Holcomb called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Brown, Cochran, Holcomb, Nicholson, Saulsbury, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker—11.

Nays—Messrs. Hall, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Rickards, Robinson, Taylor and Thompson—8.

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill was indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Mr. Hall, the bill entitled,

"An act to convert six hundred thousand dollars of the Internal Improvement Bonds of the State, into five per centum bonds, paya-

ble in 1910, and the interest saved hereby to create a sinking fund for the purpose named in this act,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the bill entitled,

"An act to amend a Chapter herein named,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the bill entitled,

"An act to amend Section 3 of Chapter 165, Volume 15 of the Laws of this State, entitled, 'Of Husband and Wife,'"

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Cochran, the Senate bill entitled,

"An act exempting residents of this State from taxation on foreign investments,"

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Hall moved,

To reconsider the vote by which Section 1 of the bill was adopted,

Which motion *Prevailed.*

Mr. Hall moved,

To reconsider the vote by which the bill was ordered to be read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

Which motion *Prevailed.*

Mr. Hall offered amendments to the bill,

Which, on his motion, were read,

Mr. Hall moved the adoption of the amendments;

Mr. Brown moved the indefinite postponement of the amendments;

And, upon the question, "Shall the amendments be indefinitely postponed?"

Mr. Holcomb called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Brown, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Rickards, Robinson, Saulsbury, Taylor and Thompson—9.

Nays—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Burnite, Cochran, Hall, Holcomb, Nicholson, Ware and Mr. Speaker—9.

The question not having received a majority,

The motion to indefinitely postpone the amendments,

Was

Lost.

The question then recurring on the adoption of the amendment,

Mr. Morris moved,

That the further consideration of the bill be indefinitely postponed,

And, upon the question, "Shall the further consideration of the bill be indefinitely postponed?"

Mr. Morris called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Brown, Cochran, Holcomb, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Rickards, Robinson, Saulsbury, Taylor, Thompson, Wright and Mr. Speaker—14.

Nays—Messrs. Bartholomew, Burnite, Hall, Nicholson and Ware—5.

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill was

Indefinitely Postponed.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

On motion of Mr. Mustard, the bill entitled,

"An act to establish a Normal Department in Delaware College,"

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Mustard moved,

That the bill be read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

Which motion

Prevailed.

Upon the question, "Shall that be Section 1 of the bill?"

Mr. Bartholomew called for the yeas and nays,
Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Burnite, Cochran, Holcomb, Mustard, Nicholson, Saulsbury and Thompson—9.

Nays—Messrs. Bartholomew, Hall, Messick, Morris, Robinson, Taylor, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker—9.

The question not having received a majority,

Section 1 of the bill was

Lost.

John W. R. Killgore, Esq., member elect from New Castle county, appeared, was sworn, and took his seat.

Mr. Mustard moved to lay the bill under consideration, on the table,

Which motion

Prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Wright, the Senate bill entitled,

“An act to authorize the Levy Court and Court of Appeal in Kent County to change the drawbridge over Little Duck Creek, called Martin’s Bridge into a permanent bridge,”

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Wright, the bill entitled,

“An act in relation to the entering of judgment bonds,”

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

Was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion, the House adjourned until 3 o’clock this afternoon.

SAME DAY—3 o'clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Burnite the Senate bill entitled,

“An act to amend Chapter 72, Volume 14, Laws of Delaware,”

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Burnite moved, that the amendment reported from the committee be read,

Which motion

Prevailed,

And the amendment was read as follows :

Amend Section 2 by striking out the words “this State” in fifth line and inserting in lieu thereof the word “Kent and Sussex counties,” and further amend said section by inserting between the words “June” and “in” in sixth line the words “and in any of the rivers or creeks of New Castle county after the fifteenth day of June.”

On motion of Mr. Burnite the amendments

Were

Adopted,

And, upon his further motion,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs;

And

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Robinson offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Senate be, and, is hereby requested to return to the House the Senate bill entitled,

“An act to authorize Wm. H. Donovan, to place two gates across a certain public road running across his farm,”

Which was read,

And, upon his further motion,

Was

Adopted.

Mr. Taylor, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in the following bills, viz :

“An act to incorporate the American Basket Company of New Britain, Connecticut ;”

“An act for the relief of the Idiotic Children of the State of Delaware ;”

“A further additional supplement to the act entitled, ‘An act to incorporate the Delaware Railroad Company,’ ”

And presented the same to the House ;

Also, that the Senate had adopted the following Joint Resolution, and requested the concurrence of the House :

“Joint Resolution authorizing the State Treasurer to receive any moneys due this State, on account of its subscription to the stock of the United States Centennial International Exhibition,”

And presented the same to the House ;

Also, that the Senate had concurred in the following House bills, viz :

“An act to amend Section 3 of the act entitled, ‘An act to raise revenue and provide for the current expenses of the State Government,’ passed at Dover, March 22, 1867,”

“An act to amend Chapter 3 of the Revised Code as amended ;”

“An act to prohibit the destruction of wild game in this State ;”

“An act to amend Chapter 73 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware, entitled, ‘Of the City of Wilmington,’ ”

With an amendment ;

“An act to amend Chapter 110, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware,”

With an amendment ;

“An act to incorporate the Agricultural Society of Kent county, at Dover ;”

“An act to divorce Annie T. Griffith from the bonds of matrimony ;”

“An act to divorce Joseph C. Johnson and Leah J. Johnson, his wife, from the bonds of matrimony ;”

“An act to prevent live stock from running at large in School Districts Nos. 73, 73½ and 139, in Sussex county;”

“An act to incorporate the Delaware State Grange Mutual Fire Insurance Company;”

“An act to revive, re-enact, amend and supplement the act entitled ‘An act to incorporate the Black Swamp Ditch Company, passed at Dover, February 10, 1841;’”

“A further supplement to an act entitled, ‘An act to incorporate the New Castle County Mutual Insurance Company,’ passed at Dover, February 6, 1849.”

Also, that the Senate had non-concurred in the following House bill, viz :

“An act to regulate the standard for oats in the State of Delaware,”
And returned the same to the House.

Also, that the following House bills had been found duly and correctly enrolled, and had received the signature of the Speaker of the Senate, viz :

“An act to divorce Joseph B. Lingo, and Sarah E. Lingo, his wife, from the bonds of matrimony;”

“An act to repeal Chapter 173 of the Fifteenth Volume of the Laws of the State of Delaware, and to provide for an additional term of the Court of Appeals;”

“An act to organize the Maryland and Delaware Railroad, after foreclosure and sale, by that or some other name that may hereafter be adopted, and to incorporate the same into a body politic,”

And returned the same to the House.

Also, the following Senate bills which had been found duly and correctly enrolled, and had received the signature of the Speaker of the Senate, viz :

“A supplement to the act entitled ‘An act to incorporate the Every Evening Publishing Company,’ passed February 23, 1875;”

“An act to authorize the laying out of a public road in Milford hundred, Kent county, State of Delaware;”

“An act authorizing Isaac Cirwithin and Riley W. Bennett, to lay out a public road on their own lands;”

"A supplement to the act entitled, 'An act to incorporate the Smyrna Building and Loan Association of the town of Smyrna, passed at Dover, March 12, 1867;'"

"A further supplement to an act entitled, An act to incorporate the Trustees of the Home for Friendless and Destitute Children, in the City of Wilmington;'"

"An act in relation to the Wilmington City Railway Company,"

And presented the same for the signature of the Speaker of the House.

Mr. Thompson presented the claim of J. F. Penington,

Which, on his motion,

Was referred to the committee on Claims.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the Senate bill entitled,

"An act for the relief of the Idiotic Children of the State of Delaware,"

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, the bill entitled,

"An act to revive, re-enact and amend the act entitled, 'An act to incorporate the Gum Branch Ditch Company of Sussex county Delaware, passed at Dover, February 15, 1866,'"

Was read.

Mr. Hall presented the claim of James S. Earle and Sons ;

Also, the claim of F. Croyden,

Which, on his motion,

Were referred to the committee on Accounts.

On motion of Mr. Wright, the bill entitled,

"An act to amend Chapter 90 of the Revised Statutes entitled, 'Of the sale of lands by Executors and Administrators,'"

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Ware, the bill entitled,

“An act to confirm and establish an act entitled, ‘An act to provide a sinking fund for the payment of the city debt of Wilmington,’”

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

And, upon the question, “Shall this bill pass the House?”

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Brown, Burnite, Cochran, Hall, Holcomb, Messick, Morris, Nicholson, Rickards, Robinson, Saulsbury, Taylor, Thompson, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker—18.

Nays—None.

The bill having received the constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Holcomb called for the special order, being the Senate Joint Resolution entitled,

“Joint Resolution appointing a State Librarian and Custodian of the Capitol Building.”

Mr. Wright moved to take up the joint resolution for consideration,

Which motion

Prevailed.

Mr. Holcomb moved,

To amend the resolution by striking out the name of “George O. Shakespear,” and inserting in lieu thereof, the name of “Cecil C. Fulton,”

Which motion was

Lost.

Mr. Morris moved,

To amend the resolution by striking out “three hundred and fifty dollars” and inserting in lieu thereof, “two hundred and fifty;”

And, upon the question, "Shall the resolution be so amended?"

Mr. Morris called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Brown, Hall, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Rickards, Robinson, Saulsbury and Taylor—9.

Nays—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Burnite, Cochran, Holcomb, Nicholson, Thompson, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker—10.

The question was decided in the negative,

And the amendment was

Lost.

Mr. Rickards moved to amend the resolution by striking out "three hundred and fifty" and inserting in lieu thereof "three hundred,"

And, upon the question, "Shall 'three hundred and fifty' be stricken out and 'three hundred' inserted in lieu thereof?"

Mr. Wright called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Brown, Burnite, Hall, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Rickards, Robinson, Saulsbury, Taylor and Thompson—11.

Nays—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Cochran, Holcomb, Nicholson, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker—8.

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the amendment was

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Wright,

The resolution as amended was

Concurred in.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Rickards presented the remonstrance of Leonard Tubbs and others; also, of Wm. A. Gum and others, and Joseph E. Hall and others, against the passage of the bill regulating the sale of spiritous, vinous or malt liquors.

Which, on his motion, were referred to a special committee.

On motion of Mr. Hall, the Senate bill entitled,

"An act consolidating United School Districts Nos. 65 and 66, and United School Districts Nos. 42, 43, 68 and 70, in Kent county,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Ware offered a Joint Resolution entitled,

“Joint resolution empowering the Governor to protect citizens of this State now under indictment in the District Court of the United States,”

Which, on his motion, was read,

And, upon his further motion,

Was

Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Robinson, the vote by which the bill entitled,

“An act authorizing and requiring the School Committee of School District No. 161, in Sussex county, to raise three hundred dollars, and for other purposes,”

Was

Lost,

Was reconsidered.

The question being upon the question “Shall this bill pass the House?”

It was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Wright, the bill entitled,

“An act to provide a punishment for fraud,”

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Wright presented the claim of the Delawarean,

Which, on his motion,

Was referred to the committee on Accounts.

On motion of Mr. Rickards, the Senate bill entitled,

“A supplement to the act entitled ‘An act to exempt from execution process certain articles of personal property,’ passed at Dover, April 10, 1873,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Mustard, the Senate bill entitled,

“An act to repeal and supply Chapter 437, Volume 14, Delaware Laws,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Cochran, the Senate bill entitled,

“An act to re-incorporate the Newark Building and Loan Association,”

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Cochran offered an amendment,

Which, on his motion, was read, as follows:

Amend the bill by striking out the word “second,” in line ten of Section two, and inserting in lieu thereof the word “third,”

And, upon his further motion,

Was

Adopted.

Mr. Cochran moved to read the bill a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

And, upon the question, “Shall this bill pass the House?”

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Brown, Burnite, Cochran, Hall,

Holcomb, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Nicholson, Rickards, Robinson, Saulsbury, Taylor, Thompson, Ware and Mr. Speaker—18.

Nays—None.

The bill having received the constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Hopkins, member of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that he returned to the House the Senate bill entitled,

“An act to authorize Wm. H. Donovan, to place two gates across a certain public road running across his farm,”

In pursuance of the request of the House.

On motion of Mr. Messick,

The vote by which the bill just returned from the Senate was lost, was reconsidered.

On motion of Mr. Brown, the bill entitled,

“An act to divide School District No. 27, in Kent county,”

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

Was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the bill entitled,

“An act to incorporate the New Castle Co-operative Store Company,”

Was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

And, upon the question, “Shall this bill pass the House?”

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Brown, Burnite, Cochran, Hall, Holcomb, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Nicholson, Robinson, Taylor, Thompson, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker—16.

Nays—None.

The bill having received the constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Bird, the bill entitled,

“An act to establish a State Work House for all persons convicted of crime punishable with imprisonment,”

Was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion, the amendment was read.

Mr. Burnite offered an amendment to the amendment,
Which,

On motion of Mr. Burnite, was read,

And, upon his further motion,

Was

Adopted.

Mr. Bird moved the adoption of the amendment as amended,

Which motion

Prevailed.

Mr. Bird moved,

To read the bill a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

And, upon the question, “Shall this bill pass the House?”

Mr. Bartholomew called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Brown, Burnite, Cochran, Holcomb, Nicholson, Rickards, Saulsbury, Wright and Mr. Speaker—10.

Nays—Messrs. Bartholomew, Hall, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Robinson, Taylor, Thompson and Ware—9.

The bill having received a majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Wright, the Senate bill entitled,

“A further additional supplement to the act entitled, ‘An act to incorporate the Delaware Railroad Company,’”

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb,

The bill was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion the House adjourned until 10 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, *March 15, 1877*—10 o'clock, A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. Hall,

The Journal was corrected in that, that the claim of James Earle and Sons, was referred to the committee on Claims, should have been to the committee on Accounts.

Mr. Robinson, on behalf of the committee on Enrollment, reported the following House bills which had been found duly and correctly enrolled, viz :

“An act to amend the act entitled ‘An act to incorporate the Indian River and Rehoboth Bay Oyster Planting Company,’ passed at Dover, March 23, 1875 ;”

“Joint Resolution appointing a committee to settle with the State Treasurer and the Auditor of Accounts, and to audit the accounts of the Clerks of the Legislature ;”

“An act to incorporate the Masonic Hall Company, of Newport, Delaware ;”

"An act to renew and re-enact the Charter of St. Joseph's Beneficial Society of Brandywine, Delaware ;"

"An act to incorporate the Delmar and Millsborough Railroad Company ;"

"An act to revive, re-enact, amend and supplement the act entitled, 'An act to incorporate the Black Swamp Ditch Company, passed at Dover, February 10, 1841 ;'"

"An act to divorce Annie T. Griffith, from the bonds of matrimony ;"

"An act to divorce Joseph C. Johnson and Leah J. Johnson, his wife, from the bonds of matrimony ;"

"An act to prevent live stock from running at large in School Districts Nos. 73, 73½ and 139, in Sussex county ;"

Also, the following Senate bills and Joint Resolutions, viz :

"An act in relation to roads and bridges passing over milldams ;"

"An act re-incorporating the town of Dover ;"

"A further supplement to an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the New Castle County Mutual Insurance Company,' passed February 6, 1849 ;"

Mr. Ware, on behalf of the committee on Corporations, to whom was referred the following House bills, viz :

"An act to further amend Chapter 73 of the Revised Code, entitled, of the city of Wilmington ;"

"A supplement to the act entitled, 'An act to incorporate the town of Lewes and for other purposes,'"

Reported the same back to the House,

With a recommendation that they do pass.

Also, the following Senate bill, entitled,

"A supplement to an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Brandywine Water Power Company,' passed at Dover, February 12, 1867,"

With a recommendation that the bill pass.

Mr. Morris, on behalf of the committee on Roads and Highways, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

"An act granting to the United States the title to a certain public road in Cedar Creek hundred, Sussex county,"

Reported the same back to the House,

With a recommendation that the bill pass.

Mr. Holcomb, on behalf of the special committee to whom was referred the bill entitled,

"An act regulating the sale of spiritous, vinous and malt liquors."

Reported the same back to the House, with amendments.

Mr. Ware, on behalf of the special committee to whom was referred the bill entitled,

"An act for the relief of R. R. Robinson & Co.,"

Reported the same back to the House,

With a recommendation that the bill does not pass.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the Senate bill entitled,

"An act to amend Chapter 176, Volume 4, Laws of Delaware,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

The bill was

Indefinitely Postponed.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

On motion of Mr. Bird, the bill entitled,

"An act to amend Chapter 110 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware,"

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Bird moved that the Senate amendments be read,

Which motion

Prevailed.

And the Senate amendments were read, as follows:

IN SENATE, *March 14, 1877.*

Amend the bill by striking out the word "ten," in line 13 of Section 1, and insert the word "thirty."

For concurrence.

Extract from Journal.

MERRIS TAYLOR,
Clerk of Senate.

IN SENATE, *March 14, 1877.*

Amend Section one, (1,) in line thirty-eight, (38,) by striking out the word "person" and insert the word "officer" in lieu thereof.

For concurrence.

Extract from Journal.

MERRIS TAYLOR,
Clerk of Senate.

On motion of Mr. Bird,

The amendments were

Concurred in.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

On motion of Mr. Robinson, the Senate bill entitled,

"An act to lay out a new public road partly in Dagsborough hundred and partly in Indian River hundred, in the county of Sussex, State of Delaware,"

Was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Taylor, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in the following Senate bills, viz :

"An act to amend Chapter 560, Section 8, Volume 14, Laws of Delaware ;"

"An act to authorize the vacation of a portion of a certain public road in Mispillion hundred in Kent county, and to substitute a new road to be constructed in lieu of the part of the said public road so vacated, "

And presented the same to the House ;

Also, that the Senate had concurred in the House amendment to the Senate joint resolution appointing a State Librarian and Custodian of the State and Capitol Buildings ;

Also, that the Senate had concurred in the following House bills and joint resolution, viz :

"An act to incorporate the Bradford Paint Company,"

With an amendment ;

“An act to incorporate the Jessup & Moore Paper Company,”

With an amendment ;

“A further supplement to the act entitled ‘An act to incorporate the Duck Creek Improvement Company,’ ”

With an amendment ;

“An act to enable Betsey Burton to change a certain public road in Indian River hundred, Sussex county, Delaware ;”

“An act to amend the act to re-incorporate the Farmers’ Mutual Fire Insurance Company of the State of Delaware, passed March 5, 1867 ;”

“Joint resolution authorizing the Governor to employ counsel in certain cases,”

With an amendment ;

“Joint Resolution respecting the Historical Society of Delaware,”

With an amendment ;

Also, that the Senate had non-concurred in the following House bill, viz :

“An act changing the place of holding elections in Broad Creek hundred, Sussex county,”

And returned the same to the House.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the bill entitled,

“An act to reduce taxation,”

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Holcomb moved,

That the House resolve itself into a committee of the Whole, to consider the bill entitled,

“An act to reduce taxation,”

Which motion

Prevailed.

Mr. Messick, chairman of the committee of the Whole,

Reported the bill back to the House, with an amendment.

Mr. Holcomb moved,

That the chairman be given time to prepare the report,
Which motion *Prevailed.*

Mr. Cochran moved, that the vote by which the Senate bill entitled,
“An act exempting residents of this State from taxation on foreign
investments,”

Was lost, be reconsidered ;

And, upon the question, “Shall the vote be reconsidered?”

Mr. Holcomb called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Burnite, Cochran, Hall, Nicholson,
Robinson, Ware and Wright—8.

Nays—Messrs. Bird, Brown, Holcomb, Messick, Morris, Mustard,
Rickards, Saulsbury, Taylor, Thompson and Mr. Speaker—11.

The question was decided in the negative,

And the motion to reconsider the bill

Was *Lost.*

On motion the House adjourned until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

SAME DAY—3 o'clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Burnite, the Senate Joint Resolution entitled,
“Joint Resolution providing for the adjournment of both Houses
of the General Assembly, *sine die* on Thursday the 15th instant,”

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Burnite moved to amend the resolution as follows :

Amend by striking out the figures "15" and insert in lieu thereof the figures "22."

Mr. Messick moved to strike out Thursday March 15th and insert in lieu thereof the words Friday, March 23,

Which motion *Prevailed.*

And the resolution was amended.

Mr. Burnite moved, that the House concur in the resolution as amended,

Which motion *Prevailed.*

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the Joint Resolution entitled,
"Joint Resolution respecting the Historical Society of Delaware,"
Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

The Senate amendment was read as follows :

IN SENATE, *March 14, 1877.*

Amend the Joint Resolution by striking out of the 3rd line of Resolution 1, the word "two," and insert in lieu the word "one."

Amend Resolution 2 by striking out in the 9th line the word "two" and insert in lieu the word "one."

For concurrence.

Extract from Journal.

MERRIS TAYLOR,
Clerk of Senate.

And, upon his further motion,

The resolution was *Non-concurred in.*

Mr. Holcomb moved,

That the Senate be informed thereof, and that the House request a committee of conference,

Which motion *Prevailed.*

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the Joint Resolution entitled,

"Joint Resolution authorizing the Governor to employ counsel in certain cases,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

The Senate amendment was read as follows :

IN SENATE, *March 14, 1877.*

Amend joint resolution by inserting in the eighth line after the word "cases," the following words, "if the Attorney-General shall express to the Governor a desire for an assistant counsel."

Extract from Journal.

MERRIS TAYLOR,
Clerk of Senate.

And, upon his further motion,

The Senate amendment was *Concurred in.*

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

On motion of Mr. Morris, the Senate bill entitled,

"An act to authorize the vacation of a portion of a certain public road in Mispillion hundred, in Kent county, and to substitute a new road to be constructed in lieu of the part of the said public road so vacated,"

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the bill entitled,

"An act to reduce taxation,"

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Holcomb moved,

That the amendments reported from the committee of the Whole, be read,

Which motion *Prevailed.*

And, upon his further motion,

The amendments were *Adopted.*

On motion of Mr. Holcomb,

The bill was ordered to be read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

And, upon the question, "Shall that be Section 1 of the bill?"

Mr. Robinson called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Brown, Cochran, Hall, Holcomb, Messick, Mustard, Saulsbury, Slaughter, Taylor, Thompson, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker—15.

Nays—Messrs. Burnite, Morris, Nicholson, Rickards and Robinson—5.

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And section 1 was

Adopted.

The reading was continued,

And the bill

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Holcomb moved,

That when the House adjourns it adjourns to meet at 7½ o'clock this evening,

Which motion

Prevailed.

Mr. Taylor, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had concurred in the House amendment to the Senate bill entitled,

"An act to re-incorporate the Newark Building and Loan Association,"

Also, that the Senate had concurred in the following House bills and joint resolution, viz:

"An act to prohibit live stock from running at large on the public highways, in School District No. 59, in New Castle county;"

"An act to incorporate the Summit Methodist Episcopal Church, of Pencader hundred;"

"Joint Resolution authorizing the State Treasurer to pay the members of this General Assembly their per diem and mileage in gold coin or its equivalent in currency;"

"An act in relation to taxation in certain parts of the city of Wilmington;"

Also, that the House had non-concurred in the following House bills, viz:

“An act to amend Chapter 405, Volume 12, of Delaware Laws;”

“An act prohibiting live stock from running at large within certain limits in Milford hundred, Kent county, Delaware;”

“An act for the relief of Married Women and Children,”

And returned the same to the House ;

Also, that the Senate requested the return to the Senate the House bill entitled,

“An act to change the place of holding election in Broad Creek hundred, Sussex county.”

On motion of Mr. Ware, the bill entitled,

“An act to amend Chapter 73 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware, entitled ‘Of the City of Wilmington,’ ”

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

The Senate amendments were read as follows :

IN SENATE, *March 14, 1877.*

Amend Section 6.

Strike out the name of Isaac S. Price, and insert in lieu thereof “John Flannegan;” strike out the name of Edward Knight, and insert in lieu thereof “F. C. Gallagher;” insert after the word distance in the twentieth line, Section 6, “one of whom shall be of the adverse party to himself.”

Extract from Journal.

MERRIS TAYLOR,
Clerk of Senate.

And, upon his further motion,

Was

Concurred in.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

The Speaker appointed as a committee of conference on the part of the House on the disagreement between the two Houses on the Joint Resolution entitled,

"Joint Resolution respecting the Historical Society of Delaware,"

Messrs. Holcomb, Burnite and Robinson.

On motion of Mr. Ware, the bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Bradford Paint Company,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon motion of Mr. Ware, the Senate amendments were read as follows :

IN SENATE, *March 14, 1877.*

Amend Section 111 of said act by adding to said Section 111, the following, to wit: "That nothing in this act shall be construed to authorize the said corporation to use any banking powers."

Extract from Journal.

MERRIS TAYLOR,

Clerk of Senate.

On motion of Mr. Ware,

The amendments were

Concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Ware, the bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Jessup & Moore Paper Company,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

The Senate amendments were read as follows :

IN SENATE, *March 14, 1877.*

Amend Section 3 of said act by adding to Section 3, the following to wit: "That nothing in this act shall be construed to authorize the said corporation to use any banking powers."

Extract from Journal.

MERRIS TAYLOR,

Clerk of Senate.

Mr. Ware moved, that the amendments be concurred in,

Which motion

Prevailed.

And the amendments were

Concurred in.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof:

Mr. Cochran on behalf of the committee on Education, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

"An act to amend an act entitled, 'An additional supplement to the act entitled, 'An act for the benefit of Public Schools in Wilmington,'"

Reported the same back to the House with amendments,

On motion of Mr. Ware, the amendments were read,

And, upon his further motion,

Were

Adopted.

Mr. Ware moved that the bill be read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

And, upon the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Brown, Burnite, Cochran, Hall, Holcomb, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Nicholson, Rickards, Robinson, Saulsbury, Slaughter, Taylor, Thompson, Ware and Wright—19.

Nays—None.

The bill having received the constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, the bill entitled,

"An act to revive, re-enact and amend the act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Gum Branch Ditch Company, of Sussex county, Delaware,' passed at Dover, February 15, 1866,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And, on motion of Mr. Thompson,

Rule 12 was suspended, and the bill was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

And, upon the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :