

And, on his further motion,

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

On the question, " Shall this bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bradford, Cahall, Eastburn, Eliason, Graham, Jones, Matthews, McNeal, Moore, Pilling, Register, Robinson, Stayton, Tomlinson, Townsend, Van Burkalow, A. C. Williams, T. N. Williams, Woodkeeper and Mr. Speaker—20.

Nays—None.

So the bill, having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof and the bill returned to that body.

Mr. T. N. Williams moved

That when the House adjourn it adjourn to meet at 8½ o'clock to-morrow morning.

Which motion

Prevailed.

On motion, the House adjourned until 8½ o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, January 21, 1881—8½ o'clock, A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Roll called.

Journal read and approved.

Mr. Tomlinson, on behalf of the Committee on Enrollment, reported as duly and correctly enrolled sundry House bills entitled,

“An act to renew and continue in force an act to incorporate the Saint Michael’s Beneficial Society, of the City of Wilmington, Delaware, passed at Dover, January 22, 1861;”

“An act to renew and continue in force an act to incorporate the Saint Mary’s Beneficial Society, of the City of Wilmington, Delaware, passed at Dover, January 22, 1861,” and

“An act to incorporate the members of the Fame Hose Company, of the City of Wilmington,”

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

On motion of Mr. Graham,

The bill entitled,

“An act to authorize the Levy Court of Kent county to reappoint for an additional term or terms of three years a Constable for Kenton hundred, who shall reside in the village of Kenton,”

Was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion,

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

On the question, “Shall this bill pass the House?”

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bradford, Eastburn, Eliason, Graham, Jones, Moore, Pilling, Register, Robinson, Stayton, Tomlinson, Townsend, Van Burkalow, A. C. Williams, T. N. Williams, Woodkeeper and Mr. Speaker—17.

Nays—None.

So the bill, having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Downing, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, returned, with the signature of the Speaker of the Senate thereto, sundry enrolled House bills entitled as follows:

“An act to renew and continue in force an act to incorporate the Saint Michael’s Beneficial Society, of the City of Wilmington, Delaware, passed at Dover, January 22, 1861;”

“An act to renew and continue in force an act entitled, ‘An act to incorporate the Saint Mary’s Beneficial Society, of the city of Wilmington, Delaware,’ passed at Dover, January 22d, 1861,” and

“An act to reincorporate the members of the Fame Hose Company, of the City of Wilmington.”

Mr. Robinson, on behalf of the Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred the House bill entitled,

“An act to incorporate St. Paul’s Beneficial Society, of Wilmington, Delaware,”

Reported the same back to the House with an amendment.

On motion of Mr. Bradford,

The bill just reported was taken up for consideration,

And further, on his motion,

The amendment reported from the committee was read,

And further, on his motion,

The amendment was

Adopted.

And, on his further motion,

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

On the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Bradford, Eastburn, Eliason, Graham, Moore, Pilling, Register, Robinson, Stayton, Tomlinson, Townsend, A. C. Williams, T. N. Williams, Woodkeeper and Mr. Speaker—15.

Nays—1.

So the bill, having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Robinson, on behalf of the Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred the House bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Ancient Order of Hibernians, (Division No. 3,) of the City of New Castle, Delaware,"

Reported the same back to the House with an amendment.

On motion of Mr. Bradford,

The bill was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion.

The amendment was read,

And further, on his motion,

The amendment was

Adopted.

And, on his further motion,

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

On the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Bradford, Cahall, Eastburn, Eliason, Graham, Jones, Moore, Pilling, Register, Robinson, Stayton, Tomlinson, Townsend, Van Burkalow, A. C. Williams, T. N. Williams, Woodkeeper and Mr. Speaker—18.

Nays—None.

So the bill, having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion,

The Senate bill entitled,

“An act to amend Chapter 133 of the Revised Code, (General Provisions Concerning Crimes, &c.),”

Was read a second time by its title.

Mr. Graham moved

That when the House adjourn it adjourn to meet at 3.30 o'clock, P. M., on Monday next,

Which motion

Prevailed.

Mr. Robinson offered a resolution,

Which,

On his motion, was read, as follows:

Resolved, That the Senate be and is hereby respectfully requested to appoint a Committee on Divorces, to act with the standing committee of the House on the same subject on all matters relating to divorces that may be referred to them.

Objection being made by Mr. Bradford, under Rule 26, the consideration of the resolution was postponed.

On motion, the House adjourned until Monday, at 3.30 o'clock, P. M.

MONDAY, January 24, 1881—3½ o'clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called.

Journal read and approved.

Mr. Robinson presented the petition of William S. Baker and others, asking for the passage of a law to straighten a public road in Indian River hundred.

Which,

On his motion, was read,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Roads and Highways.

Mr. Downing, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed, and requested the concurrence of the House in sundry bills entitled,

“An act prohibiting live stock from running at large in School District No. 49½, in Sussex county,” and

“An act to incorporate the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Beneficial Association.”

And presented the same to the House.

On motion of Mr. Van Burkalow,

The Senate bill entitled,

“An act to incorporate the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Beneficial Association,”

Was read.

Mr. Bradford gave notice that, on to-morrow or some future day, he would ask leave to introduce sundry bills entitled,

“An act supplementary to Chapter 85 of the Revised Code of this State, relating to sales of real estate by trustees,” and

"An act to incorporate the Butchers' Hide and Tallow Association, of Wilmington, Delaware."

On motion of Mr. Robinson,

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act prohibiting live stock from running at large in School District No. 49½, in Sussex county,"

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Stayton,

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act to lay out a new public road in North-West Fork hundred, Sussex county, Delaware,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Roads and Highways.

On motion of Mr. Robinson,

The following resolution was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion,

Was read, to wit:

Resolved, That the Senate be and is hereby respectfully requested to appoint a Committee on Divorces, to act with the standing committee of the House on the same subject on all matters relating to divorces that may be referred to them.

Mr. Bradford moved

To amend by prefixing to the resolution the following:

"Whereas it has been proposed, by certain members of this House, that the following resolution be adopted, namely," and by adding to the resolution the following:

"And whereas, the House is of the opinion that the Senate is able and willing to properly take action in the premises without suggestions upon the subject from this House; therefore

Resolved, That the above proposed resolution is unnecessary, uncalled for, and discourteous toward the Senate, and meets with the unqualified disapproval of the House."

Upon the motion to amend,

Mr. Bradford called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bradford, Eastburn, Eliason and Townsend—4.

Nays—Messrs. Cahall, Graham, Jones, McNeal, Moore, Register, Robinson, Van Burkalow, A. C. Williams, T. N. Williams and Mr. Speaker—11.

So the question was decided in the negative,

And the amendment was

Lost.

On the motion to adopt the resolution,

Mr. Bradford called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Cahall, Graham, Jones, McNeal, Moore, Register, Robinson and Stayton—8.

Nays—Messrs. Bradford, Eastburn, Eliason, Townsend, Van Burkalow, A. C. Williams, T. N. Williams, Woodkeeper and Mr. Speaker—9.

So the question was decided in the negative.

And the motion was

Lost.

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

TUESDAY, January 25, 1881—10 o'clock, A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called.

Journal read and approved.

On motion of Mr. Van Burkalow,

The Senate bill entitled,

“An act to incorporate the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Beneficial Association,”

Was read a second time by its title.

Mr. Bradford, on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

“An act to amend Section 46 of Chapter 89 of the Revised Code of 1852, as amended and published in 1874,”

Reported the same back to the House with amendments.

On motion of Mr. Bradford,

The bill just reported to the House was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion,

The amendments to the bill were read,

And further, on his motion,

Were

Adopted.

And, on his further motion,

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

On the question, “Shall the bill, as amended, pass the House?”

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Bradford, Eastburn, Eliason, Graham, Jones, McNeal, Moore, Register, Stayton, Van Burkalow, A. C. Williams and Mr. Speaker—12.

Nays—None.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Jones,

The Senate bill entitled,

“An act to exempt Sussex county from the provisions of Chapter 57 of Volume 14 of the Laws of Delaware, entitled ‘An act to provide for the indigent insane,’ passed at Dover, March 29, 1871,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Jones,

The Senate bill entitled,

“An act to amend Section 11 of Chapter 48 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware, the chapter being entitled, ‘Concerning Alms Houses and the Poor,’ ”

Was read a second time by its title,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Van Burkalow offered a joint resolution, entitled,

“Joint resolution granting an audience to the Delaware State Temperance Alliance,”

Which,

On his motion, was read,

And, on his further motion,

Was

Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Jones,

The Senate bill entitled,

“An act to create a new school district from Nos. 62, 63, 64 and 86, in Sussex county,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Eliason, on behalf of the Committee on Roads and Highways, to whom was referred the Senate bill entitled,

“An act to lay out a new public road in North-West Fork hundred, Sussex county, Delaware,”

Reported the same back to the House with the recommendation that the bill pass.

On motion of Mr. Eliason,

The bill just reported was taken up for consideration,

And further, on his motion,

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

On the question, “Shall this bill pass the House?”

It was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof and the bill returned to that body.

Mr. Bradford, on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

“An act to amend Section 29 of Chapter 89 of the Revised Code of 1852, as amended and published in 1874,”

Reported the same back to the House with an amendment.

On motion of Mr. Bradford,

The bill just reported to the House was taken up for consideration.

And, on his further motion,

The amendment reported by the committee was read,

And further, on his motion,

Was

Adopted.

And, on his further motion,

The bill, as amended, was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Register moved

That Mr. Eliason be placed upon the committee to whom was referred so much of the Governor's message as refers to Agriculture,

Which motion

Prevailed.

Whereupon

Mr. Eliason was placed upon said committee.

Mr. Register moved

That the standing committee on Divorces be increased to five,

Which motion

Prevailed.

Whereupon

Messrs. Van Burkalow and Tomlinson were appointed additional members,

Mr. Downing, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the following Senate bill and joint resolutions had been found duly and correctly enrolled and had received the signature of the Speaker of the Senate, viz :

“An act to revive and extend the time for Recording Private Acts,”

“Joint resolution in relation to the report of C. H. B. Day,”

“Joint resolution appointing a joint committee to wait on his Excellency, the Governor, and inform him that the two houses are convened and ready to receive any communication he may have to make,”

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

Mr. T. N. Williams gave notice that, on to-morrow or some future day, he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to reincorporate Triple Link Lodge, No. 31, at Frederica, Del."

On motion, the House adjourned until three o'clock, P. M.

SAME DAY—3 o'clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Jones presented the petition of C. E. Compton and others, asking that a new school district be formed from Nos. 62, 63 and 86, Sussex county.

Mr. Jones also presented the remonstrance of Isaac F. Warren and others, against the proposed new school district,

Which,

On his motion, were read,

And, on his further motion,

Were referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Bradford, on behalf of the Committee on Enrollment, reported as duly and correctly enrolled House bill entitled,

"An act to revive and extend the time for Recording Private Acts,"

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

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

"An act for the relief of Robert D. Hoffecker and John S. Hoffecker,"

And returned the same to the House.

Mr. Bradford, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and,

On motion of Mr. Stayton,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to amend Chapter 8 of the Revised Statutes, entitled ‘Of the Levy Court,’ ”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Bradford,

Was read.

Mr. Bradford, on behalf of the Committee on Enrollment, reported as duly and correctly enrolled joint resolutions entitled,

“Joint resolution appointing Auditor of Accounts,” and

“Joint resolution appointing State Treasurer,”

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

Mr. Bradford, on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

“An act to further amend Chapter 73 of the Revised Code, entitled ‘Of the City of Wilmington,’ ”

Reported the same back to the House with the recommendation that the bill pass.

On motion of Mr. Bradford,

The bill just reported to the House was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion,

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

On the question, “Shall this bill pass the House?”

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Bradford, Eliason, Graham, Jones, McNeal, Moore, Register, Stayton, Swayne, Van Burkalow, A. C. Williams, T. N. Williams, Woodkeeper and Mr. Speaker—14.

Nays—None.

So the bill, having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. T. N. Williams,
 The Senate bill entitled,
 "An act prohibiting live stock from running at large in school district No. 49½, in Sussex County,"
 Was read a second time by its title,
 And, on his further motion,
 Was referred to the Committee on Roads and Highways.

On motion of Mr. T. N. Williams,
 The Senate bill entitled,
 "An act to renew the act to incorporate the Artisans' Savings Bank and the acts supplementary thereto and to amend the same,"
 Was read a second time by its title,
 And, on motion of Mr. Stayton,
 Was referred to the Committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. T. N. Williams,
 The Senate bill entitled,
 "An act to incorporate the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Beneficial Association,"
 Was referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. Bradford gave notice that on to-morrow, or some future day, he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled
 "An act to amend Chapter 469 of Volume 13 of the Laws of Delaware, entitled 'City Debt of Wilmington.'"

On motion of Mr. Stayton,
 The bill entitled,
 "Amendments to an act of incorporation of Fenwick's Island Improvement Company, passed at Dover, March 15th, 1871,"
 Was read a second time by its title,
 And, on his further motion,
 Was referred to the Committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. McNeal,

The bill entitled,

“An act prohibiting live stock from running at large in School District No. 45, in Sussex county,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Roads and Highways.

On motion of Mr. Jones,

The bill entitled,

“An act to amend Section 10 of Chapter 60 of the Revised Code of 1852, as amended and published in 1874, entitled, ‘Concerning Roads and Bridges,’ ”

Was read a second time by its title,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Roads and Highways.

Mr. Bradford, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and,

On motion of Mr. Swayne,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act supplementary to Chapter 85 of the Revised Code of this State,”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Bradford,

Was read.

Mr. Bradford, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and,

On motion of Mr. Jones,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to incorporate the Butchers’ Hide and Tallow Association, of Wilmington,”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Bradford,

Was read.

Mr. Bradford gave notice that, on to-morrow or some future day, he would ask leave to introduce sundry bills entitled,

“A further supplement to an act entitled, ‘An act to incorporate the Wilmington City Railway Company,’ passed at Dover. February 4, 1864,” and

“An act to vacate a portion of an old road in the City of Wilmington, known as Riddle’s Road.”

Mr. Tomlinson gave notice that, on to-morrow or some future day, he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to authorize the straightening of the public road leading from Milton to Redden Station, on the Junction and Breakwater Railroad, in Georgetown and Broadkirk hundreds, Sussex county.”

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

WEDNESDAY, January 26, 1881—10 o’clock, A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called.

Journal read and approved.

Mr. Robinson, on behalf of the Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred the House bill entitled,

“An act to incorporate the Ancient Order of Hibernians (Division No. 2), of Brandywine Banks, New Castle county, Delaware.”

Reported the same back to the House with an amendment, and with the recommendation that the amendment be adopted and the bill passed.

On motion of Mr. Swayne,

The bill just reported was taken up for consideration.

On motion of Mr. Robinson,

The amendment reported from the committee was read,

And, on his further motion,

The amendment was

Adopted.

And further, on his motion,

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

On the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bradford, Cahall, Eastburn, Eliason, Graham, Jones, Matthews, McNeal, Moore, Pilling, Register, Robinson, Stayton, Swayne, Tomlinson, Townsend, Van Burkalow, A. C. Williams, T. N. Williams, Woodkeeper and Mr. Speaker—21.

Nays—None.

So the bill, having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Robinson,

The Senate bill entitled

"An act to amend Chapter 137 of the Revised Code, (General Provisions Concerning Crimes, &c.),"

Was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof and the bill returned to that body.

Mr. Bradford gave notice that, on to-morrow or some future day, he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to further amend Chapter 73 of the Revised Code, entitled 'Of the City of Wilmington,' and in relation to the fiscal concerns of said city."

Mr. Bradford, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and,

On motion of Mr. Van Burkalow,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"A further supplement to an act entitled, 'An act to incorporate the Wilmington City Railway Company,' passed at Dover, February 4, 1864."

Which,

On motion of Mr. Bradford,

Was read.

Mr. Bradford, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and,

On motion of Mr. Eliason,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to amend Chapter 469, Volume 13, Laws of Delaware, entitled 'City Debt of Wilmington,'"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Bradford,

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Bradford,

The bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Butchers' Hide and Tallow Association, of Wilmington, Delaware,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Bradford,

The bill entitled,

"An act supplementary to Chapter 85 of the Revised Code of this State, relating to sales of real estate by trustees,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Van Burkalow, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and,

On motion of Mr. Robinson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“A supplement to the act entitled, ‘An act to consolidate School Districts Nos. 50 and 108, in Kent county, under the title of ‘The Magnolia Public Schools,’ passed at Dover, March 12, 1877.”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Van Burkalow,

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Bradford,

The bill entitled,

“An act to amend Chapter 8 of the Revised Statutes, entitled, ‘Of the Levy Court,’”

Was read a second time by its title,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Townsend gave notice that, on to-morrow or some future day, he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“A supplement to an act entitled, ‘An act to incorporate the Town of Odessa, and for other purposes,’ passed at Dover, April 2, 1873.”

Mr. Tomlinson presented the petition of the Delaware State Board of Health,

Which,

On his motion, was read,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to a special committee of three, with instructions to report by bill or otherwise.

Whereupon

Messrs. Tomlinson, A. C. Williams and Pilling were appointed said committee.

Mr. Tomlinson gave notice that, on to-morrow or some future day, he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act for the Preservation of the Public Health.”

Mr. Pilling gave notice that, on to-morrow or some future day, he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to amend the act entitled, ‘An act providing for the appointment of a State Chemist, and for other purposes,’ passed at Dover, March 16, 1871.”

Mr. Matthews gave notice that, on to-morrow or some future day, he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to prohibit persons from driving at a gait faster than a walk over the bridge of Broad Creek, at the old wading place, in Laurel, Sussex county.”

Mr. Tomlinson presented the petition of William D. Lank, T. S. Wilson and others, praying for the passage of a law protecting them against fires along the railroad.

Which,

On his motion, was read,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes, with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

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

“An act to incorporate the Laurel Union Company,”

And asked the concurrence of the House in said amendments.

On motion of Mr. Robinson,

The bill was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion,

The first amendment was read, as follows:

SENATE CHAMBER, January 26, 1881.

Strike out Section 2 and insert in lieu thereof :

Section 2. The capital stock of said corporation shall be of such amount as the stockholders shall from time to time determine; *provided* that the same shall not at any time exceed the sum of ten thousand dollars; the capital stock shall be divided into shares of fifty dollars each, and shall be personal estate, and the same shall be certified, held and assigned according to the provisions of the by-laws; the number of stockholders shall never exceed forty; and this act shall take effect from the time of its passage.

For concurrence.

H. T. DOWNING,

Extract from Journal.

Clerk of the Senate.

And further, on his motion,

The amendment was

Concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Robinson,

The second amendment was read, as follows :

SENATE CHAMBER, January 26, 1881.

Strike out of the second line of Section 3 the words "or assigns," and insert, in the same line after the word company, the word "or."

For concurrence.

H. T. DOWNING,

Extract from Journal.

Clerk of the Senate.

And, on his further motion,

The amendment was

Concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Robinson,

The third amendment was read, as follows :

SENATE CHAMBER, January 26, 1881.

Strike out after the word "dividends," in the eleventh line of Section 5, the words "if any, and when payable and to whom payable, as to them appears advisable," and insert in lieu thereof the words "out of the earnings of the company, as they may think advisable, fixing the date of payment thereof."

For concurrence.

H. T. DOWNING,

Extract from Journal.

Clerk of the Senate.

And, on his further motion,

The amendment was

Concurred in.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

On motion of Mr. Robinson,

The petition of Anna Barker, to be divorced from her husband, Shepherd P.,

Was referred to the Committee on Divorces.

Mr. T. N. Williams gave notice that, on to-morrow or some future day, he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act authorizing and empowering the Town Commissioners of the Town of Seaford to sell a certain lot called Market Space.

Mr. Matthews presented the petition of William P. Taylor, asking for a divorce from his wife, Lizzie L. Taylor,

Which,

On motion of Mr. T. N. Williams,

Was laid on the table.

Mr. T. N. Williams presented the petition of John E. Radish, Jacob M. Greenley and others, asking for a law prohibiting live stock from running at large in School District No. 147, in Sussex county,

Which,

On his motion, was read,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Roads and Highways.

Mr. Jones presented the petition of Oceana Anderson, asking for a divorce from her husband, Alexander Anderson,

Which,

On his motion, was read,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Divorces.

Mr. Tomlinson presented the petition of Mary C. Reed, asking for a divorce from her husband, William D. Reed,

Which,

On his motion, was read.

Mr. Tomlinson moved

That the petition be referred to the Committee on Divorces.

Upon which motion

Mr. Townsend called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Cahall, Eastburn, Graham, Jones, Matthews, McNeal, Moore, Register, Robinson, Stayton and Tomlinson—11.

Nays—Messrs. Bradford, Eliason, Pilling, Swayne, Townsend, Van Burkalow, A. C. Williams, T. N. Williams, Woodkeeper and Mr. Speaker—9.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the motion

Prevailed,

And the petition was so referred.

On motion, the House adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M.

SAME DAY—3 o'clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Tomlinson offered a resolution,

Which,

On his motion, was read, as follows :

WHEREAS, The custom of reading all petitions for divorce before this House previous to the said petitions being referred, has been the means of enabling the press to circulate throughout our State and beyond its limits the various disgusting reasons set forth in such petitions for divorce, and rendering the whole matter of divorce legislation odious to the people, thus bringing a stigma upon our Assembly, be it

Resolved, That all petitions for divorce coming before this House be referred to the standing Committee on Divorces without being read by the Clerk.

And, on his further motion,

The resolution was

Adopted.

Mr. Register gave notice that, on to-morrow or some future day, he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“A further additional supplement to the act entitled, ‘An act to incorporate the Duck Creek Improvement Company,’ passed at Dover, February 7, 1859.”

Mr. Register gave notice that, on to-morrow or some future day, he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to provide for the preservation and proper maintenance of certain public roads in Duck Creek hundred, in Kent county.”

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

“An act to incorporate St. Paul’s Beneficial Society, of Wilmington, Delaware,”

And returned the same to the House.

He also presented and asked the concurrence of the House in sundry Senate bills and a joint resolution, entitled as follows :

“An act to incorporate the Star Club Stable Company,”

“An act in relation to the Estates of Aliens,”

“An act in relation to the Notary Public now appointed or who may hereafter be appointed for the Delaware City National Bank,” and

“Joint resolution appointing a State Librarian.”

On motion of Mr. Cahall,

The Senate joint resolution entitled

“Joint resolution appointing a State Librarian,”

Was read.

Mr. Cahall moved

That the resolution be concurred in.

Upon which motion

Mr. Swayne called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bradford, Cahall, Eliason, Graham, Jones, Matthews, McNeal, Moore, Pilling, Register, Robinson, Stayton, Swayne, Tomlinson, Townsend, Van Burkalow, A. C. Williams, T. N. Williams, Woodkeeper and Mr. Speaker—20.

Nays—None.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the joint resolution was

Concurred in.

Ordered, That the Senate be informed thereof and the joint resolution returned to that body.

Mr. Bradford offered a resolution,

Which,

On his motion, was read, as follows :

Resolved, That the standing Committee on Divorces be and are hereby instructed to examine, upon oath or affirmation, all witnesses who shall appear before said committee upon any application for

divorce referred to said* committee, to reduce their testimony to writing, and to present the same to the House at the time of making report upon the said application.

And further, on his motion,

The resolution was

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Eliason,

The Senate bill entitled,

“An act in relation to the Notary Public now appointed or who may hereafter be appointed for the Delaware City National Bank,”

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Register,

The Senate bill entitled,

“An act in relation to the Estates of Aliens,”

Was read.

Mr. McNeal presented a petition in regard to appeals from Justices of the Peace,

Which,

On his motion, was read,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Bradford presented the petition of Mary A. Virtue, asking for a divorce from her husband, David L.,

Which,

On his motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Divorces.

Mr. Robinson presented a petition for the impeachment of Derrick B. Morris, a Justice of the Peace in Sussex county,

Which,

On his motion, was read,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to a special committee of three, to report what action, if any, shall be taken in the premises.

Whereupon

Messrs. Robinson, Register and Swayne were appointed said committee.

Mr. Register presented the remonstrance of Helen M. Holmes against the passage of an act divorcing her from her husband, Nathaniel Holmes,

Which,

On his motion, was read,

And, on motion of Mr. Robinson,

Was referred to the Committee on Divorces.

On motion of Mr. Cahall,

The joint resolution entitled,

“Joint resolution in relation to the defense of certain persons indicted in the District Court of the United States,”

Was read.

Mr. Tomlinson moved

That the joint resolution be concurred in.

Mr. Bradford moved

That the consideration of the joint resolution be indefinitely postponed.

Upon which motion

Mr. Cahall called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Bradford, Eastburn, Eliason, Pilling, Swayne, and Woodkeeper—6.

Nays—Messrs. Cahall, Graham, Jones, Matthews, McNeal, Moore, Register, Robinson, Stayton, Tomlinson, Van Burkalow, A. C. Williams, T. N. Williams and Mr. Speaker—14.

So the question was decided in the negative.

And the motion was

Lost.

Mr. T. N. Williams moved

That the further consideration of the joint resolution be postponed until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Which motion

Prevailed.

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

THURSDAY, January 27, 1881—10 o'clock, A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called.

Journal read and approved.

The Senate joint resolution entitled,

“Joint resolution in relation to the defense of certain persons indicted in the District Court of the United States,”

Being the order of the day,

Was taken up for consideration.

Upon the question, “Shall this joint resolution be concurred in?”

Mr. Townsend called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Cahall, Graham, Jones, Matthews, McNeal, Moore, Register, Robinson, Stayton, Tomlinson, Van Burkalow, T. N. Williams and Mr. Speaker—13.

Nays—Messrs. Bradford, Eastburn, Eliason, Pilling, Swayne, Townsend, A. C. Williams, and Woodkeeper—8.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the joint resolution was

Concurred in.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof and the joint resolution returned to that body.

On motion of Mr. Bradford,

The bill entitled,

“A further supplement to an act entitled, ‘An act to incorporate the Wilmington City Railway Company,’ passed at Dover, February 4, 1864,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Van Burkalow,

The bill entitled,

“A supplement to the act entitled, ‘An act to consolidate School Districts Nos. 50 and 108, in Kent county, under the title of ‘The Magnolia Public Schools,’ passed at Dover, March 12, 1877,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Bradford, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and,

On motion of Mr. Townsend,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to further amend Chapter 73 of the Revised Code, entitled ‘Of the City of Wilmington,’ and in relation to the fiscal concerns of said city,”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Bradford,

Was read,

And, on his further motion,

It was ordered that 200 copies of the bill be printed for the use of the members of the House.

Mr. Cahall gave notice that, on to-morrow or some future day, he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to incorporate the Hollywood Cemetery, of Harrington, Delaware.”

On motion of Mr. Bradford,

The bill entitled,

“An act to amend Chapter 469 of Volume 13 of the Laws of Delaware, entitled ‘City Debt of Wilmington,’ ”

Was read a second time by its title,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. T. N. Williams, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and,

On motion of Mr. Tomlinson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act authorizing and empowering the Town Commissioners of the Town of Seaford to sell a certain lot called ‘Market Space,’ ”

Which,

On motion of Mr. T. N. Williams,

Was read.

Mr. Robinson, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and,

On motion of Mr. Jones,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act proposing an amendment to the Constitution of this State,”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Robinson,

Was read.

Mr. Cahall gave notice that on to-morrow, or some future day, he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to amend Chapter 55 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware, entitled ‘For the Protection of Fish, Oysters and Game.’ ”

Mr. Pilling gave notice that, on to-morrow or some future day, he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Athenian Literary Society of Delaware College."

On motion of Mr. McNeal,

The petition of William T. Burton for a divorce from his wife, Irena B.,

Was taken from the table,

And, on his further motion,

The petition, with the affidavit of W. F. Burton, which he then presented, was referred to the Committee on Divorces.

Mr. Register, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and,

On motion of Mr. Jones,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"A further additional supplement to the act entitled, 'An act to incorporate the Duck Creek Improvement Company,' passed at Dover, February 7, 1859,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Register,

Was read.

Mr. Tomlinson, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and,

On motion of Mr. Stayton,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to authorize the straightening of the public road leading from Milton to Redden Station, on the Junction and Breakwater Railroad, in Georgetown and Broadkilm hundreds, Sussex county,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Tomlinson,

Was read.

Mr. Tomlinson presented a petition in favor of, and also a remonstrance against, the passage of the bill just introduced,

Which,

On his motion, were read,

And, on his further motion,
Were ordered to be filed with the bill.

Mr. Townsend, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and,
On motion of Mr. Eliason,
Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“A supplement to an act entitled, ‘An act to incorporate the Town of Odessa, and for other purposes,’ ”

Which,
On motion of Mr. Townsend,
Was read.

Mr. Pilling, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and,
On motion of Mr. Townsend,
Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to amend the act entitled, ‘An act providing for the appointment of a State Chemist, and other purposes,’ passed at Dover, March 16, 1871,”

Which,
On motion of Mr. Pilling,
Was read.

On motion of Mr. Eliason,
The Senate bill entitled,

“An act in relation to the Notary Public now appointed or who may hereafter be appointed for the Delaware City National Bank,”
Was read a second time by its title.

Mr. T. N. Williams presented a petition for the passage of an act authorizing the Town Commissioners of Seaford to sell a lot of land called Market Space,

Which,

On his motion, was read, and ordered filed with the bill.

On motion, the House adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M.

SAME DAY—3 o'clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Moore offered a resolution,

Which,

On his motion, was read, as follows :

WHEREAS, The House has, by resolution, directed the Committee on Divorces to present to the House the evidence in any divorce case favorably reported by said committee ; and whereas, every case referred to the said committee must be investigated before any report can be made at all, thus making the recording of evidence a very laborious task, be it

Resolved, That the House authorize the committee to employ a Clerk for the purpose above alluded to.

Objection being made by Mr. Bradford, under Rule 26, the consideration of the resolution was postponed.

Mr. Tomlinson, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and,

On motion of Mr. Robinson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act for the Preservation of the Public Health.”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Tomlinson,

Was read.

Mr. Bradford withdrew his objections to the consideration of the resolution authorizing the Committee on Divorces to employ a Clerk, offered by Mr. Moore,

And, on motion of Mr. Van Burkalow,

The resolution was

Adopted.

Mr. Downing, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed, and requested the concurrence of the House in sundry bills entitled as follows :

"An act to amend an act, to alter and amend the act entitled, 'An act to raise Revenue for State and County purposes,' passed at Dover, February 9th, 1875,"

"An act exempting from execution and attachment process, and from distress for rent, sewing machines of seamstresses and private families,"

"An act authorizing the Mayor and Council of Wilmington to levy and collect taxes upon telegraph or telephone poles erected within the City of Wilmington,"

"An act to lay out a public road, partly in Mispillion hundred, Kent county, and partly in North-West Fork hundred, Sussex county,"

"An act to incorporate the Sand-Blast File-sharpening Company," and

"An act to revive, restore, renew and re-enact Chapter 22, Volume 10 of the Laws of Delaware, entitled 'An act to incorporate the subscribers of the Newark Union, in Brandywine hundred,' passed at Dover, February 5, 1845,"

And presented the same to the House.

He also informed the House that the Senate had concurred in the House bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Ancient Order of Hibernians, (Division No. 3,) of the City of New Castle, Delaware,"

And returned the same to the House.

Mr. Robinson, on behalf of the Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred the Senate bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Beneficial Association,"

Reported the same back to the House with the recommendation that it pass.

On motion of Mr. Robinson,

The bill just reported to the House was taken up for consideration,

And further, on his motion,

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

On the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

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

Yeas—Messrs. Bradford, Cahall, Eastburn, Eliason, Graham, Jones, Matthews, McNeal, Moore, Pilling, Register, Robinson, Stayton, Swayne, Tomlinson, Townsend, Van Burkalow, A. C. Williams, T. N. Williams, Woodkeeper and Mr. Speaker—21.

Nays—None.

So the bill, having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof and the bill returned to that body.

Mr. Bradford gave notice that, on to-morrow or some future day, he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to incorporate the Valley View Cemetery Company.”

Mr. Matthews, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and,

On motion of Mr. Stayton,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to prohibit persons from driving at a gait faster than a walk over the bridge of Broad Creek, at the old wading place, in Laurel, Sussex county.”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Matthews,

Was read.

On motion of Mr. T. N. Williams,

The Senate bill entitled,

“An act to incorporate the Star Club Stable Company,”

Was read.

Mr. Tomlinson presented the petition of citizens of Milton for the passage of an act to amend the act incorporating the Town of Milton,

Which,

On his motion, was read,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Corporations, with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Register, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and,

On motion of Mr. Stayton,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to provide for the preservation and proper maintenance of certain public roads in Duck Creek hundred, in Kent county,”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Register,

Was read.

Mr. T. N. Williams moved

That members of the bar be admitted to the floor of the House.

Mr. Van Burkalow moved

To amend by extending the privilege to ministers also.

The amendment was accepted,

And the motion

Prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Cahall,

The Senate bill entitled,

“An act exempting from execution and attachment process, and from distress for rent, sewing machines of seamstresses and private families,”

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Stayton,

The Senate bill entitled,

“An act to lay out a public road, partly in Mispillion hundred, Kent county, and partly in North-West Fork hundred, Sussex county,”

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Swayne,

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Sand-Blast File-Sharpening Company,"
Was read.

On motion of Mr. Register,
The Senate bill entitled,

"An act in relation to the Estates of Aliens,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. Tomlinson moved

That when the House adjourn it adjourn to meet at 8½ o'clock to-morrow morning.

Which motion

Prevailed.

Mr. T. N. Williams, on behalf of the Committee on Education, to whom was referred the Senate bill entitled,

"An act to create a new school district from Nos. 62, 63, 64 and 86, in Sussex county,"

Asked and obtained further time to consider and report upon the same.

On motion, the House adjourned until 8½ o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, January 28, 1881—8½ o'clock, A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called.

Journal read and approved.

Mr. Bradford, on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

“An act to amend Chapter 8 of the Revised Statutes, entitled ‘Of the Levy Court,’ ”

Reported the same back to the House with an amendment, and with the recommendation that the amendment be adopted and the bill passed.

On motion of Mr. Bradford,

The bill just reported was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion,

The amendment reported from the committee was read,

And further, on his motion,

The amendment was

Adopted.

And, on his further motion,

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

On the question, “Shall this bill pass the House?”

Mr. Bradford called for the yeas and nays.

Whereupon

Mr. Pilling moved

The vote upon the question was postponed until 10 o'clock on Wednesday next.

Which motion

Prevailed.

Mr. Downing, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed, and requested the concurrence of the House in a joint resolution entitled,

“Joint resolution relating to the commutation claims of this State against the Government of the United States,”

And presented the same to the House.

He also delivered to the House the report of C. H. B. Day in obedience to a joint resolution adopted by the General Assembly, January 13, 1881.

On motion of Mr. Eliason,

The Senate bill entitled,

“An act in relation to the Notary Public now appointed or who may hereafter be appointed for the Delaware City National Bank,”

Was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof and the bill returned to that body.

Mr. Graham presented the petition of Laura C. Drake, asking for a divorce from her husband,

Which,

On his motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Divorces.

On motion of Mr. Swayne,

The Senate bill entitled.

“An act to incorporate the Sand-Blast File-Sharpening Company,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. Register, on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture, asked,

And, on motion of Mr. Stayton,

Obtained further time to make a report.

Mr. Cahall, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and,

On motion of Mr. Stayton,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to amend Chapter 55 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware, entitled ‘For the Protection of Fish, Oysters and Game,’”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Cahall,

Was read.

Mr. Bradford, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and,

On motion of Mr. Graham,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to incorporate the Valley View Cemetery Company,”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Bradford,

Was read.

Mr. Pilling moved

That when the House adjourn it adjourn to meet at 3.30 o'clock, P. M., on Monday next,

Which motion

Prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Tomlinson,

The bill entitled,

“An act to authorize the straightening of the public road leading from Milton to Redden Station, on the Junction and Breakwater Railroad, in Georgetown and Broadkilm hundreds, Sussex county,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Roads and Highways.

On motion of Mr. Cahall,

Five hundred copies of the bill entitled,

"An act to amend Chapter 55 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware, entitled 'For the Protection of Fish, Oysters and Game,'"

Were ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. T. N. Williams,

The bill entitled,

"An act authorizing and empowering the Town Commissioners of the Town of Seaford to sell a certain lot called Market Space,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion, the House adjourned until Monday, at 3.30 o'clock, P. M.

MONDAY, January 31, 1881—3½ o'clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called.

Journal read and approved.

Mr. Eliason presented the petition of Reno F. Fongercey, asking for a divorce from his wife, Sarah F. Fongercey,

Which,

On his motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Divorces.

On motion of Mr. Bradford,

The bill entitled,

“An act to further amend Chapter 73 of the Revised Code, entitled ‘Of the City of Wilmington,’ and in relation to the fiscal concerns of said city,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Bradford,

The bill entitled,

“An act to incorporate the Valley View Cemetery Company,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Stayton,

The Senate bill entitled

“An act to lay out a public road, partly in Mispillion hundred, Kent county, and partly in North-West Fork hundred, Sussex county,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Roads and Highways.

On motion of Mr. Robinson,

The Senate bill entitled,

“An act to revive, restore, renew and re-enact Chapter 22, Volume 10 of the Laws of Delaware, entitled ‘An act to incorporate the subscribers of the Newark Union, in Brandywine hundred,’ passed at Dover, February 5, 1845,”

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Moore,

The Senate bill entitled,

“An act to amend an act to alter and amend the act entitled, ‘An act to raise Revenue for State and County purposes,’ passed at Dover, February 9, 1875,”

Was read.

Mr. Pilling, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and,

On motion of Mr. Townsend,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to incorporate the Athenian Literary Society of Delaware College,”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Pilling,

Was read.

Mr. Downing, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had adopted, with an amendment, the House joint resolution entitled,

“Joint resolution granting an audience to the Delaware State Temperance Alliance,”

And requested the concurrence of the House in the amendment,

And returned the same to the House.

On motion of Mr. Townsend,

The amendment was read, as follows :

SENATE CHAMBER, January 28, 1881.

Amend the resolution by striking out all after “Resolved” and inserting in lieu thereof the following :

“That the members of the Senate and House of Representatives do hereby accept the invitation of the State Temperance Alliance to meet them and hear their representations, and do hereby fix Wednesday, the second day of February, A. D. 1881, at seven o'clock in the evening, for that purpose, to meet in the Hall of the House of Representatives.”

For concurrence.

H. T. DOWNING,

Extract from Journal.

Clerk of the Senate.

And, on his further motion,

The amendment was

Concurred in.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

On motion of Mr. Tomlinson,

The bill entitled,

“An act for the Preservation of the Public Health,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the special committee in regard to Registration of Births, Marriages, &c.

On motion of Mr. Townsend,

The bill entitled,

“A supplement to an act entitled, ‘An act to incorporate the Town of Odessa, and for other purposes,’ passed at Dover, April 2, 1873,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Pilling,

The bill entitled,

“An act to amend the act entitled, ‘An act providing for the appointment of a State Chemist, and for other purposes,’ passed at Dover, March 16, 1871,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

On motion of Mr. Register,

The bill entitled,

“A further additional supplement to the act entitled, ‘An act to incorporate the Duck Creek Improvement Company,’ passed at Dover, February 7, 1859,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. Cahall, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and,

On motion of Mr. Stayton,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,
 "An act to incorporate the Hollywood Cemetery, of Harrington,
 Delaware,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Cahall,

Was read.

Mr. Downing, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed, and requested the concurrence of the House in a bill entitled,

"An act to vacate a portion of Water Street, in the City of Wilmington,"

And presented the same to the House.

Mr. Matthews presented the petition of T. L. Cannon and others, asking for a stock law in School District No. 80, Sussex county.

He also presented the remonstrance of Robert H. Phillips and others, against the passage of such a law.

On motion of Mr. Matthews,

The petition and remonstrance were read,

And, on his further motion,

Were referred to the Committee on Roads and Highways.

On motion of Mr. Register,

The bill entitled,

"An act to provide for the preservation and proper maintenance of certain public roads in Duck Creek hundred, in Kent county,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Roads and Highways.

Mr. Cahall, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and,

On motion of Mr. Townsend,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to repeal Chapter 146, Laws of Delaware, 1879, entitled 'An act in relation to the exemption from execution process of certain personal property,' passed at Dover, March 28, 1879,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Cahall,

Was read.

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

TUESDAY, February 1, 1881—9 o'clock, A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called.

Journal read and approved.

Mr. Bradford gave notice that, on to-morrow or some future day, he would ask leave to introduce sundry bills entitled,

"An act to amend Chapter 83 of the Revised Code of 1852, as amended and published in 1874, entitled 'Of Conveyances,' and for other purposes," and

"An act authorizing the sale of certain real property therein mentioned."

Mr. Bradford, on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

"An act in regard to municipal liens in the City of Wilmington,"

Reported the same back to the House with the recommendation that the bill do not pass.

On motion of Mr. Bradford,

The report was adopted.

Mr. Matthews presented the remonstrance of Joseph P. Burton and others, against the passage of a law preventing stock running at large in School District No. 45, Sussex county,

Which,

On his motion, was read,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Roads and Highways.

Mr. Robinson, on behalf of the Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred the House bill entitled,

“A supplement to an act entitled, ‘An act to incorporate the Town of Odessa, and for other purposes,’ passed at Dover, April 2, 1873,”

Reported the same back to the House with amendments, and with the recommendation that the bill, as amended, pass the House.

On motion of Mr. Townsend,

The bill was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion,

The amendments reported by the committee were read,

And further, on his motion,

Were

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Robinson,

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

On the question, “Shall the bill, as amended, pass the House?”

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Bradford, Cahall, Eastburn, Eliason, Graham, Jones, Matthews, McNeal, Moore, Pilling, Register, Robinson, Stayton, Swayne, Tomlinson, Townsend, Van Burkalow, A. C. Williams, T. N. Williams, Woodkeeper and Mr. Speaker—21.

Nays—None.

So the bill, having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Robinson, on behalf of the Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred the Senate bill entitled,

“An act to renew the act to incorporate the Artisans’ Savings Bank and the acts supplementary thereto and to amend the same,”

Reported the same back to the House with the recommendation that it pass.

On motion of Mr. Robinson,

The bill just reported to the House was taken up for consideration,

And further, on his motion,

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

On the question, “Shall this bill pass the House?”

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Whereupon

Mr. Tomlinson moved

To lay the bill upon the table,

Which motion

Prevailed.

Mr. McNeal, on behalf of the Committee on Divorces, to whom was referred the petition of Oceana Anderson for a divorce from her husband, Alexander Anderson, reported the same back with the recommendation that no action be taken in the premises.

Mr. T. N. Williams moved

That the report be accepted,

Upon which motion

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Bradford, Cahall, Eastburn, Eliason, Graham, Jones, Matthews, McNeal, Moore, Pilling, Register, Robinson, Stayton, Swayne, Tomlinson, Townsend, Van Burkalow, A. C. Williams, T. N. Williams, Woodkeeper and Mr. Speaker—21.

Nays—None.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the motion

Prevailed,

And the report was accepted.

Mr. McNeal, on behalf of the Committee on Divorces, to whom was referred the petition of Annie Barker for a divorce from her husband, Shepherd P., reported the same back with the recommendation that no action be taken in the premises.

Mr. T. N. Williams moved

That the report be accepted,

Upon which motion

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bradford, Eastburn, Eliason, Graham, Moore, Pilling, Register, Swayne, Tomlinson, Townsend, Van Burkalow, A. C. Williams, T. N. Williams, Woodkeeper and Mr. Speaker—15.

Nays—Messrs. Cahall, Jones, Matthews, McNeal, Robinson and Stayton—6.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the motion

Prevailed,

And the report was accepted.

Mr. Bradford, on behalf of Hon. Leonard E. Wales, President of the Historical Society of Delaware, presented to the House several copies of a pamphlet entitled: "Some account of William Usselinx and Peter Minuit, two individuals who were instrumental in establishing the first permanent colony in Delaware."

Mr. Bradford moved

That the pamphlets be accepted with thanks to the Historical Society,

Which motion

Prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Pilling,

The bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Athenian Literary Society of Delaware College,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. McNeal presented a petition of citizens of Frankford, asking for the passage of an act incorporating the Village of Frankford. He also presented a remonstrance against incorporating the same,

Which,

On his motion, were read,

And, on his further motion,

Were referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. Eliason, on behalf of the Committee on Roads and Highways, to whom was referred the Senate bill entitled,

“An act to lay out a public road, partly in Mispillion hundred, Kent county, and partly in North-West Fork hundred, Sussex county,”

Reported the same back to the House with the recommendation that the bill pass.

Mr. Eliason moved

That the bill just reported be taken up for consideration,

Which motion *Prevailed.*

And, on his further motion,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And *Passed the House.*

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof and the bill returned to that body.

Mr. Robinson, on behalf of the Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred the House bill entitled,

“An act in relation to the Estates of Aliens,”

Asked and obtained leave to return the same to the House.

Mr. Robinson moved

That the bill be referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes,

Which motion *Prevailed,*

Mr. Matthews, on behalf of the Committee on Roads and Highways, to whom was referred the House bill entitled,

"An act prohibiting live stock from running at large in School District No. 45, in Sussex county,"

Reported the same back to the House with the recommendation that the bill pass.

Mr. Matthews moved

That the bill be taken up for consideration,

Which motion

Prevailed,

And, on his further motion,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Van Burkalow presented a petition in regard to a game law,

Which,

On his motion, was read,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Fish, Oysters and Game.

Mr. Eliason, on behalf of the Committee on Roads and Highways, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

"An act to amend Section 10 of Chapter 60 of the Revised Code of 1852, as amended and published in 1874, entitled, 'Concerning Roads and Bridges,'"

Reported the same back with the recommendation that it pass.

On motion of Mr. Eliason,

The bill was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion,

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

Mr. Townsend presented a petition asking for the passage of the bill,

Which,

On his motion, was read.

Mr. Robinson offered an amendment to the bill.

Mr. Van Burkalow moved

That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until Thursday,

Which motion

Prevailed.

Mr. Matthews, on behalf of the Committee on Roads and Highways, to whom was referred the Senate bill entitled,

"An act prohibiting live stock from running at large in School District No. 49½, in Sussex county,"

Reported the same back with the recommendation that it pass.

On motion of Mr. Matthews,

The bill just reported to the House was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion,

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

And

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof and the bill returned to that body.

Mr. Bradford gave notice that, on to-morrow or some future day, he would ask leave to introduce sundry bills entitled,

"An act to amend Chapter 378 of Volume 14 of the Laws of Delaware,"

"An act relating to Chapter 128 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware, entitled 'Offenses against Private Property,' " and

"An act to amend an act entitled, 'An act appointing additional times for holding the Court of General Sessions of the Peace and Jail Delivery in New Castle county,' passed at Dover, March 18, 1879."

On motion of Mr. Cahall,

The bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Hollywood Cemetery, of Harrington, Delaware,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. Jones presented a petition asking for protection against fires along railroads,

Which,

On his motion, was read,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion, the House adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M.

SAME DAY—3 o'clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker being absent, on account of sickness, the Clerk called the House to order.

Mr. Bradford moved

That Mr. Robinson be elected Speaker *pro tem.*,

Which motion

Prevailed.

Whereupon

Mr. Robinson took the chair.

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

“An act to exempt Sussex County from the provisions of Chapter 57 of Volume 14 of the Laws of Delaware, entitled, ‘An act to provide for the indigent insane of the State of Delaware, passed at Dover, March 29, 1871,’”

Reported the same back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

On motion of Mr. Bradford,

The report was accepted.

Mr. Townsend offered a resolution,

Which,

On his motion, was read, as follows :

Resolved, That the thanks of this House be and are hereby extended to Messrs. A. S. Abell & Co., the proprietors of the *Baltimore Sun*, for copies of their Almanac furnished to the members.

And, on his further motion,

The resolution was

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Matthews,

The bill entitled,

“An act to prohibit persons from driving at a gait faster than a walk over the bridge of Broad Creek, at the old wading place, in Laurel, Sussex county,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Roads and Highways.

Mr. Bradford, on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

“An act to extend the time for Recording Deeds,”

Reported the same back with the recommendation that it do not pass.

On motion of Mr. Bradford,

The report was accepted.

Mr. Eliason presented the petition of Anna J. Wilson, asking for a divorce from her husband, John C. Wilson,

Which,

On his motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Divorces.

Mr. Eastburn presented the petition of Harry Warren and about 40 others, praying for a law preventing stock from running at large in School District No. 37, in New Castle county,

Which,

On his motion, was read,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Roads and Highways.

On motion of Mr. T. N. Williams,

The Senate bill entitled,

“An act to amend an act to alter and amend the act entitled, ‘An act to raise Revenue for State and County purposes,’ passed at Dover, February 9th, 1875,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Cahall,

The Senate bill entitled,

“An act exempting from execution and attachment process, and from distress for rent, sewing machines of seamstresses and private families,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Swayne,

The Senate bill entitled,

“An act to revive, restore, renew and re-enact Chapter 22, Volume 10 of the Laws of Delaware, entitled ‘An act to incorporate the subscribers of the Newark Union, in Brandywine hundred,’ passed at Dover, February 5, 1845,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Bradford,

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act authorizing the Mayor and Council of Wilmington to levy and collect taxes upon telegraph or telephone poles erected within the City of Wilmington,"

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Bradford,
The Senate bill entitled,

"An act to vacate a portion of Water Street, in the City of Wilmington,"

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Bradford,
The Senate bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Star Club Stable Company,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. Eliason, on behalf of the Committee on Roads and Highways, to whom was referred the House bill entitled,

"An act to authorize the straightening of the public road leading from Milton to Redden Station, on the Junction and Breakwater Railroad, in Georgetown and Broadkilm hundreds, Sussex county,"

Reported the same back with the recommendation that it pass.

Mr. Jones moved

That the further consideration of the bill be postponed one week,
Which motion

Prevailed.

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

"An act to amend Section 5 of Chapter 46 of Vol. 16 of the Laws of Delaware, entitled 'An act in relation to Free Schools in this State,'"

And returned the same to the House.

Also, that the Senate had passed, and requested the concurrence of the House in the bill entitled,

"An act to amend Section 6, Chapter 50 of Volume 15, Delaware Laws, in regard to salary of State Superintendent of Public Schools,"

And presented the same to the House.

On motion of Mr. Cahall,

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act to amend Section 6, Chapter 50 of Volume 15, Delaware Laws, in regard to salary of State Superintendent of Public Schools,"

Was read.

Mr. Downing, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed, and requested the concurrence of the House in sundry bills entitled as follows :

"An act prohibiting live stock from running at large in School District No. 48, in Sussex county,"

"An act to amend Chapter 59 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware," and

"An act for the Relief of Archibald Given,"

And presented the same to the House.

He also informed the House that the Senate had concurred in the House bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Ancient Order of Hibernians (Division No. 2), of Brandywine Banks, New Castle county, Delaware,"

And returned the same to the House.

On motion of Mr. Matthews,

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act prohibiting live stock from running at large in School District No. 48, in Sussex county,"

Was read.

Mr. Matthews presented a remonstrance against the passage of a law prohibiting live stock from running at large in School District No. 48, in Sussex county,

Which,

On his motion, was read,
And, on his further motion,
Was filed with the bill.

On motion of Mr. T. N. Williams,
The Senate bill entitled,
"An act to amend Chapter 59 of the Revised Statutes of the State
of Delaware,"
Was read.

On motion of Mr. Tomlinson,
The Senate bill entitled,
"An act for the Relief of Archibald Given,"
Was read.

Mr. Eliason, on behalf of the Committee on Roads and Highways,
to whom was referred the petition of William S. Baker and others,
asking for the passage of a law to straighten a road in Indian River
hundred, reported a bill entitled,

"An act to authorize George F. Wilson to straighten a part of the
public road leading out of Long Neck, in Indian River hundred,
Sussex county,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Eliason,
Was read.

Mr. Eastburn gave notice that, on to-morrow or some future day,
he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to prevent live stock from running at large in School Dis-
trict No. 37."

Mr. Swayne presented a letter from T. B. Vance in reference to
pensioning the soldiers of the War of 1812,

Which,

On his motion, was read,
And, on his further motion,
Was referred to a special committee of three.

Whereupon

Messrs. Swayne, Cahall and T. N. Williams were appointed said committee.

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

WEDNESDAY, February 2, 1881—9 o'clock, A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called.

Journal read and approved.

The bill entitled,

“An act to amend Chapter 8 of the Revised Statutes, entitled, ‘Of the Levy Court,’”

Being the order of the day, was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Pilling moved

That the bill be recommitted to the Committee on Revised Statutes,

Which motion

Prevailed.

Mr. Bradford, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and,

On motion of Mr. Jones,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act relating to Chapter 128 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware, entitled ‘Offenses against Private Property,’”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Bradford,

Was read.

Mr. Bradford, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and,
On motion of Mr. Townsend,
Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,
“An act authorizing the sale of certain real property therein mentioned.”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Bradford,

Was read.

Mr. Bradford, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and,
On motion of Mr. Swayne,
Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,
“An act to amend Chapter 83 of the Revised Code of 1852, as amended and published in 1874, entitled ‘Of Conveyances,’ and for other purposes,”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Bradford,

Was read.

Mr. Bradford, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and,
On motion of Mr. Townsend,
Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,
“An act to amend an act entitled, ‘An act appointing additional times for holding the Court of General Sessions of the Peace and Jail Delivery in New Castle county,’ passed at Dover, March 18, 1879,”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Bradford,

Was read.

Mr. Bradford, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and,
On motion of Mr. Townsend,
Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to amend Chapter 378 of Volume 14 of the Laws of Delaware,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Bradford,

Was read.

Mr. Bradford gave notice that, on to-morrow or some future day, he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"A further supplement to the act for the benefit of the Public Schools in Wilmington.

On motion of Mr. Tomlinson,

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act to amend Section 6, Chapter 50 of Volume 15, Delaware Laws, in regard to salary of State Superintendent of Public Schools,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. T. N. Williams,

The Senate bill entitled

"An act to vacate a portion of Water Street, in the City of Wilmington,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Cahall,

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act to amend Chapter 59 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Tomlinson,

The Senate bill entitled,

“An act authorizing the Mayor and Council of Wilmington to levy and collect taxes upon telegraph and telephone poles erected within the City of Wilmington,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Stayton,

The Senate bill entitled,

“An act prohibiting live stock from running at large in School District No. 48, in Sussex county,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Roads and Highways.

Mr. T. N. Williams, on behalf of the Committee on Education, to whom was referred the Senate bill entitled,

“An act to create a new school district from Nos. 62, 63, 64, and 86, in Sussex county,”

Reported the same back to the House with the recommendation that the bill do not pass.

On motion of Mr. T. N. Williams,

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Moore,

The bill entitled,

“An act proposing an amendment to the Constitution of this State,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. McNeal,

The Senate bill entitled,

“An act for the Relief of Archibald Given,”

Was read a second time by its title,
 And, on his further motion,
 Was referred to a special committee of three,
 Whereupon

Messrs. McNeal, Register and Bradford were appointed said committee.

Mr. Bradford, on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

“An act to amend Chapter 21 of Volume 14 of the Laws of Delaware, entitled ‘An act to amend Chapter 390 of Volume 13 of the Laws of Delaware, ’”

Reported the same back to the House with the recommendation that it pass.

On motion of Mr. Bradford,
 The bill was taken up for consideration,
 And, on his further motion,
 The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs,
 And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Matthews, on behalf of the Committee on Roads and Highways, to whom was referred the House bill entitled,

“An act to prohibit persons from driving at a gait faster than a walk over the bridge of Broad Creek, at the old wading place in Laurel,”

Reported the same back to the House with the recommendation that the bill pass.

On motion of Mr. Eliason,
 The bill just reported was taken up for consideration,
 And, on his further motion,
 The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs,
 And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Van Burkalow moved

That the vote by which the report of the committee on the Senate bill entitled,

"An act to exempt Sussex County from the provisions of Chapter 57 of Volume 14 of the Laws of Delaware, entitled, 'An act to provide for the indigent insane of the State of Delaware, passed at Dover, March 29, 1871,'"

Was adopted, be reconsidered,

Which motion

Prevailed.

Mr. T. N. Williams moved

That the bill be recommitted.

There being no objection, Mr. T. N. Williams withdrew his motion.

Mr. Tomlinson moved

That the bill be taken up for consideration,

Which motion

Prevailed.

Mr. Tomlinson moved

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

Which motion

Prevailed.

Section 1 of the bill was read,

And, on the question, "Shall this be Section 1 of the bill?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Matthews, McNeal, Register, Robinson, Stayton and T. N. Williams—6.

Nays—Messrs. Bradford, Cahall, Eastburn, Eliason, Graham, Jones, Moore, Pilling, Swayne, Tomlinson, Townsend, Van Burkalow, A. C. Williams and Woodkeeper—14.

So the question was decided in the negative.

And Section 1 was

Lost,

And the bill was

Lost.

Mr. Downing, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the following Senate 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 to lay out a new public road in North-West Fork Hundred, Sussex county, Delaware,"

"An act to amend Chapter 133 of the Revised Code, (General Provisions Concerning Crimes, &c.),"

"An act to renew and re-enact the act of incorporation of the Marshy Hope Improvement Company,"

"Joint resolution in relation to arrears of taxes of National Banks,"

"Joint resolution in relation to Auditor's Report,"

"Joint resolution in relation to the petition of certain citizens of St. George's and Red Lion hundreds,"

"Joint resolution in relation to the defense of certain persons indicted in the District Court of the United States," and

"Joint resolution appointing a State Librarian."

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

Mr. Bradford, on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

"An act supplementary to Chapter 85 of the Revised Code of this State, relating to sales of real estate by trustees,"

Reported the same back to the House with the recommendation that the bill do not pass.

Mr. Pilling moved

That the report be accepted.

Mr. Bradford moved

That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until Thursday, 10 o'clock, A. M.,

Which motion

Prevailed.

On motion, the House adjourned until three o'clock, P. M.

SAME DAY—3 o'clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Eliason, on behalf of the Committee on Roads and Highways, to whom was referred the petition of Harry Warren and about forty others, praying for the passage of a law preventing live stock from running at large in School District No. 37, in New Castle county, reported a bill entitled,

“An act to prohibit live stock from running at large in School District No. 37, in New Castle county,”

Which,

On his motion, was read.

On motion of Mr. Eliason,

The bill entitled,

“An act to authorize George F. Wilson to straighten a part of the public road leading out of Long Neck, in Indian River hundred, Sussex county,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And, on motion of Mr. T. N. Williams,

Was referred to the Committee on Roads and Highways.

Mr. Swayne gave notice that, on to-morrow or some future day, he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to provide for the better security of life and limb in cases of fire in hotels and other buildings.”

Mr. Tomlinson, on behalf of the special committee to whom was referred the petition of C. S. Layton and numerous others, praying for a revival, renewal, amendment and continuance of an act entitled,

“An act to incorporate a company for the purpose of cutting and making a canal between the waters of the Nanticoke River and Broad-kiln Creek, in Sussex county, and for other purposes,”

Reported a bill entitled,

"A supplement and an act to renew, continue in force, and amend the act entitled, 'An act to incorporate a company for the purpose of cutting and making a canal between the waters of the Nanticoke River and Broadkiln Creek, in Sussex county, and for other purposes,'"

Which,

On his motion, was read.

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

"An act to authorize the City Council of the City of Wilmington to sell and convey the City Hospital property,"

"An act to further amend an act entitled, 'An act to amend the Charter of the City of Wilmington,' " and

"An act to authorize the Levy Court of Kent county to reappoint for an additional term or terms of three years a Constable for Kenton hundred, who shall reside in the village of Kenton,"

And returned the same to the House.

He also informed the House that the Senate had adopted, and requested the concurrence of the House in a joint resolution entitled,

"Joint resolution appointing a joint committee to destroy old State Bonds."

And presented the same to the House.

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

"An act to amend Section 11 of Chapter 48 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware, the Chapter being entitled, 'Concerning Alms-Houses and the Poor,'"

Reported the same back with the recommendation that it pass.

On motion of Mr. T. N. Williams,

The bill just reported to the House was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion,

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

On the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

It was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof and the bill returned to that body.

On motion of Mr. Van Burkalow,

The Senate joint resolution entitled,

“Joint resolution appointing a joint committee to destroy old State Bonds,”

Was read,

And, on his further motion,

Was

Concurred in.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof and the joint resolution returned to that body.

Mr. Townsend gave notice that, on to-morrow or some future day, he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act concerning negotiable instruments.”

Mr. Graham presented a memorial of Samuel Townsend on the Bombay Hook emigration scheme,

Which,

On his motion,

Was read.

Mr. Pilling moved

That the memorial be referred to the Committee on Crime, Vice and Immorality,

Upon which motion

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Bradford, Eliason, Pilling, Register, Townsend, Van Burkalow and A. C. Williams—7.

Nays—Messrs. Cahall, Eastburn, Graham, Jones, Matthews, McNeal, Moore, Robinson, Stayton, Swayne, Tomlinson, T. N. Williams and Woodkeeper—13.

So the question was decided in the negative,

And the motion was

Lost.

Mr. Graham moved

That the memorial be laid on the table,

Which motion

Prevailed.

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

THURSDAY, February 3, 1881—9 o'clock, A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called.

Journal read and approved.

On motion of Mr. Bradford,

The bill entitled,

“An act to amend Chapter 83 of the Revised Code of 1852, as amended and published in 1874, entitled ‘Of Conveyances,’ and for other purposes,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Bradford,

The bill entitled,

“An act authorizing the sale of certain real property therein mentioned,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Bradford,

The bill entitled,

“An act to amend an act entitled, ‘An act appointing additional times for holding the Court of General Sessions of the Peace and Jail Delivery in New Castle county,’ passed at Dover, March 18, 1879,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Bradford,

The bill entitled,

“An act to amend Chapter 378 of Volume 14 of the Laws of Delaware,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Bradford,

The bill entitled,

“An act relating to Chapter 128 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware, entitled ‘Offenses against Private Property,’ ”

Was read a second time by its title,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Bradford, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and,

On motion of Mr. Tomlinson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“A further supplement to the act for the benefit of Public Schools in Wilmington,”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Bradford,

Was read.

Mr. Tomlinson, on behalf of the committee to whom was referred a petition in regard to registration of births, marriages and deaths, reported a bill entitled,

“An act to provide for the Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths in the State of Delaware,”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Tomlinson,

Was read.

Mr. Eliason, on behalf of the Committee on Roads and Highways, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

“An act to authorize George F. Wilson to straighten a part of the public road leading out of Long Neck, in Indian River hundred, Sussex county,”

Reported the same back with the recommendation that it pass.

On motion of Mr. Robinson,

The bill was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion,

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

On 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. Cahall,

The bill entitled,

“An act to repeal Chapter 146, Laws of Delaware, 1879, entitled ‘An act in relation to the exemption from execution process of certain personal property,’ passed at Dover, March 28, 1879,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Graham,

The Senate amendments to the House bill entitled,

“An act to authorize the Levy Court of Kent county to reappoint for an additional term or terms of three years a constable for Kenton hundred, who shall reside in the Village of Kenton,”

Were read, as follows :

SENATE CHAMBER, February 1, 1881.

Amend the title of the bill by striking out, in second and third lines thereof, the words “of three years.”

Amend the bill by striking out, in third line of Section 1, the word “an,” and inserting in lieu thereof the word “any.”

Further amend the bill by striking out, in fourth line of Section 1, the words “of three years.”

For concurrence.

H. T. DOWNING,

Extract from Journal.

Clerk of the Senate.

And, on his further motion,

The amendments were

Concurred in.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

The bill entitled,

“An act to amend Section 10 of Chapter 60 of the Revised Code of 1852, as amended and published in 1874, entitled ‘Concerning Roads and Bridges,’ ”

Being the special order of the day,

On motion of Mr. Eliason,

It was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Robinson offered an amendment,

Which,

On his motion, was read,

And further, on his motion,

The amendment was

Adopted.

Mr. Robinson moved

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

Which motion

Prevailed.

Section 1 of the bill was read.

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

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yea—Mr. Townsend—1.

Nays—Messrs. Bradford, Cahall, Eastburn, Eliason, Graham, Jones, Matthews, McNeal, Pilling, Register, Robinson, Stayton, Swayne, Tomlinson, Van Burkalow, A. C. Williams, T. N. Williams, Woodkeeper and Mr. Speaker—19.

So the question was decided in the negative,

And Section 1 was

Lost.

Mr. Robinson moved

That the further consideration of the bill be indefinitely postponed,

Which motion

Prevailed.

Mr. Tomlinson, on behalf of the Committee on Enrollment, reported as duly and correctly enrolled sundry House bills entitled,

"An act for the relief of Robert D. Hoffecker and John S. Hoffecker," and

"An act to incorporate the Laurel Union Company,"

And presented the same for the signature of the Speaker.

Mr. Bradford, on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

"An act authorizing and empowering the Town Commissioners of the Town of Seaford to sell a certain lot called Market Space,"

Reported the same back with the recommendation that it pass.

On motion of Mr. T. N. Williams,

The bill just reported to the House was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion,

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

On 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. Cahall,

The bill entitled,

"An act to amend Chapter 55 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware, entitled 'For the Protection of Fish, Oysters and Game,'"

Was read a second time by its title,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Fish, Oysters and Game.

On motion of Mr. Eliason,

The bill entitled,

"An act to prevent live stock from running at large in School District No. 37, in New Castle county,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Roads and Highways.

Mr. Townsend, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and,

On motion of Mr. Eliason,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act concerning negotiable investments,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Bradford,

Was read.

Mr. Tomlinson presented the petition of citizens of Milton in favor of amending the act incorporating the Town of Milton,

Which,

On his motion, was read,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Corporations.

On motion, the House adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M.

SAME DAY—3 o'clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Bradford gave notice that, on to-morrow or some future day, he would ask leave to introduce sundry bills entitled,

“An act concerning offenses against the persons of individuals,” and

“An act to enable the Diamond Match Company to hold real estate.”

Mr. Bradford presented a petition for a law prohibiting live stock running at large in School District No. 48, in New Castle county,

Which,

On his motion, was read,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Roads and Highways.

On motion of Mr. Cahall,

The Report of C. H. B. Day, in obedience to a joint resolution of the General Assembly, adopted January 13, 1881, was read, as follows :

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Delaware in General Assembly met :

In obedience to the joint resolution, adopted by the General Assembly at Dover, on the thirteenth day of January, A. D. 1881, I beg leave to make the following report, viz :

Upon inquiry made at the office of the Adjutant General of the United States shortly after I had been authorized to collect the claim of this State against the United States for commutation under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved February 28, 1867, I learned that the balance of the appropriation from which this class of claims was paid by the War Department, at Washington, had been turned into the Treasury, and that such claims are now, after approval by the Secretary of War, referred to the Second Auditor of the Treasury; and upon inquiry of the Second Auditor it was ascertained that such claims, when approved by him, are referred to Congress with favorable recommendation, and are provided for in the General Deficiency Bill. I have also been authoritatively informed that such claims can only receive the approval of the officers aforesaid when accompanied by the receipts of the receiver of commutation money. I at once caused the following advertisement to appear in four newspapers published in the State, viz: the *Delawarean* and the *State Sentinel*, of Dover, and the *Gazette and Republican*, of Wilmington, viz:

“Persons who were drafted in the State of Delaware for the United States military service in May, June, or July, 1864, and paid commutation, and were afterwards again drafted in 1865, and were required to procure a substitute or enter the military service under the latter draft, will find it to their advantage to communicate, either personally or by letter, with the undersigned, who has been authorized by the State Legislature to collect from the Secretary of War the commutation money paid by such persons; the Secretary of War having been directed by act of Congress to refund the commutation paid in such cases.

“C. H. B. DAY.

“Dover, Del., July 10, 1879.”

In response to this notice I have received quite a number of communications from persons who supposed themselves to be entitled to the benefits of the aforesaid act of Congress, quite a number of which I suppose were good claims; but the parties making the claims were not in possession of the receipts for the commutation, which have necessarily to be filed in the Adjutant General's office, at Washington, with the claims, when presented, so that I could do nothing in the way of obtaining the approval of the Secretary of War or the Second Auditor's recommendation to Congress for their payment.

It appears that when these commutation moneys were paid, two-thirds of each commutation having been advanced by the State, through the Commissioners appointed for that purpose in pursuance of

the provisions of the act of the General Assembly of this State, entitled "An act for the relief of persons subject to military duty, passed at Dover, February 12, 1864," said Commissioners themselves took charge of the receipts given by the receiver of commutation, and none of these receipts were held by the person drafted, who paid only one-third of the commutation. It is believed that these receipts are now in the keeping of the Secretary or Clerk of said Draft Commissioners, Richard G. Cooper, Esq., or of James G. Waples, Esq., the only surviving member of said commission.

I would therefore respectfully suggest that your honorable body shall adopt a joint resolution directing James G. Waples and Richard G. Cooper, Esquires, and all other persons having in his or their possession any books, receipts, documents, or other papers pertaining to the military drafts, or the business of the Draft Commissioners of this State during the late civil war, to deliver the same to me, to be used in collecting the aforesaid commutation claims, and to be afterward deposited by me in the Executive office of this State, except such as I may be required, in the prosecution of said commutation claims, to file in the War Department at Washington, or elsewhere.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. B. DAY.

And, on the further motion of Mr. Cahall,

The report was referred to a special committee of three.

Whereupon

Messrs. Cahall, Matthews and Eliason were appointed said committee.

Mr. Van Burkalow moved

That the privileges of the floor of the House be extended to the members of the General Assembly of the State of Maryland who are present,

Which motion

Prevailed.

Mr. Townsend moved

That a committee of two be appointed to wait upon the members and invite them to a seat on the floor,

Which motion

Prevailed.

Whereupon

Messrs. Van Burkalow and Bradford were appointed said committee.

On motion of Mr. Cahall,

The Senate joint resolution entitled,

“Joint resolution relating to the commutation claims of this State against the Government of the United States,”

Was read.

Mr. Cahall moved

That the resolution be concurred in.

Mr. Bradford moved

That the further consideration of the resolution be postponed until Wednesday next, at 10 o'clock, A. M.,

Which motion

Prevailed.

Messrs. Van Burkalow, Tomlinson and Jones were appointed the members of the joint committee, on the part of the House, under

“Joint resolution appointing a joint committee to destroy old State Bonds.”

Mr. Bradford asked and obtained leave of absence until Monday next.

Mr. Bradford, on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

“An act to amend Chapter 83 of the Revised Code of 1852, as amended and published in 1874, entitled ‘Of Conveyances,’ and for other purposes,”

Reported the same back to the House with amendments, and with the recommendation that the bill, as amended, pass the House.

On motion of Mr. Bradford,

The bill was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion,

The amendments reported by the committee were read,

And further, on his motion,

Were

Adopted.

And, on his further motion,

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

On the question, "Shall the bill, as amended, 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. Tomlinson,

The bill entitled,

"A supplement and an act to renew, continue in force, and amend the act entitled, 'An act to incorporate a company for the purpose of cutting and making a canal between the waters of the Nanticoke River and Broadkilm Creek, in Sussex county, and for other purposes,' "

Was read a second time by its title,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the special committee to whom was referred the petition upon the same subject.

Mr. McNeal presented the petition of J. S. Jones and about forty others, asking for the passage of an act uniting School Districts Nos. 158 and 80, in Gumboro' hundred, Sussex county, and also a remonstrance against such an act,

Which,

On his motion, were read.

And, on his further motion,

Were referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Downing, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed, and requested the concurrence of the House in sundry bills, entitled,

"An act to encourage Immigration to the State of Delaware," and

"An act prohibiting live stock from running at large in School District No. 49, in Sussex county,"

And presented the same to the House.

Mr. Register gave notice that, on to-morrow or some future day, he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to regulate the expenditure of the County Funds of New Castle county by the Levy Court of said county.”

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

“An act for the Preservation of the Public Health.”

Reported the same back to the House with the recommendation that the bill pass.

On motion of Mr. Robinson,

The consideration of the bill was postponed until Thursday next, the 10th inst.

Mr. T. N. Williams, on behalf of the Committee on Education, to whom was referred sundry bills, asked and obtained further time to report upon the same.

Mr. Van Burkalow offered a resolution,

Which,

On his motion, was read, as follows :

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the Committee on Divorces be authorized to issue summons to compel the attendance of witnesses in divorce cases, the expense of said summons being paid by the party in whose behalf the witness is summoned.

Mr. Robinson moved

That the resolution be laid upon the table,

Upon which motion

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Eastburn, Eliason, Graham, Jones, Matthews, McNeal, Robinson, Stayton, Swayne, Tomlinson, T. N. Williams and Mr. Speaker—12.

Nays—Messrs. Cahall, Pilling, Register, Townsend, Van Burkalow, A. C. Williams and Woodkeeper—7.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the motion

Prevailed,

And the resolution was declared laid upon the table.

Mr. Robinson, on behalf of the Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred the House bill entitled,

“An act to incorporate the Valley View Cemetery Company,”

Reported the same back to the House with the recommendation that it pass.

On motion of Mr. Robinson,

The bill just reported to the House was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion,

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

On the question, “Shall this bill pass the House?”

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Eastburn, Eliason, Graham, Jones, McNeal, Pilling, Register, Robinson, Stayton, Swayne, Tomlinson, Townsend, Van Burkalow, A. C. Williams, T. N. Williams, Woodkeeper and Mr. Speaker—17.

Nays—None.

So the bill, having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Pilling gave notice that, on to-morrow or some future day, he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to renew the act incorporating the Kiamensi Woolen Company.”

Mr. Swayne, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and,

On motion of Mr. Townsend,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to provide for the better security of life and limb in cases of fire in hotels and other buildings,”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Swayne,

Was read.

On motion of Mr. McNeal,

The Senate bill entitled,

“An act prohibiting live stock from running at large in School District No. 49, in Sussex county,”

Was read.

Mr. Tomlinson moved

That when the House adjourn it adjourn to meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Which motion

Prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Pilling,

The Sergeant-at-Arms was instructed to bring the absent members of the House before the House.

The Sergeant-at-Arms made a report, in obedience to the above instructions.

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

FRIDAY, February 4, 1881—9 o'clock, A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Roll called.

Journal read and approved.

Mr. Downing, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed, and requested the concurrence of the House in a joint resolution entitled,

“Joint resolution in relation to adjournment,”

And presented the same to the House.

On motion of Mr. Eliason,

The joint resolution was read,

And, on motion of Mr. Cahall,

Was

Concurred in.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof and the joint resolution returned to that body.

Mr. Eliason, on behalf of the Committee on Roads and Highways, to whom was referred the House bill entitled,

“An act to prohibit live stock from running at large in School District No. 37, in New Castle county,”

Reported the same back with the recommendation that it pass.

On motion of Mr. Eliason,

The bill just reported was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion,

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

On 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. McNeal,
The Senate bill entitled,

“An act prohibiting live stock from running at large in School District No. 49, in Sussex county,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Roads and Highways.

On motion of Mr. Swayne,

The bill entitled,

“An act to provide for the better security of life and limb in cases of fire in hotels and other buildings,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to a special committee of three.

Whereupon

Messrs. Swayne, Graham and T. N. Williams were appointed said committee.

Mr. Van Burkalow gave notice that, on to-morrow or some future day, he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act providing for the punishment of persons carrying concealed a deadly weapon.”

On motion, the House adjourned until Tuesday, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

TUESDAY, February 8, 1881—3 o'clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

There being no quorum present,

Mr. Van Burkalow moved

That the House take a recess for thirty minutes,

Which motion *Prevailed.*

The time for which the House took a recess having expired,

The Speaker called the House to order.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called.

Journal read and approved.

Mr. Van Burkalow, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and,

On motion of Mr. Robinson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act providing for the punishment of persons carrying concealed a deadly weapon,”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Van Burkalow,

Was read.

Mr. Robinson presented a petition asking the repeal of the stock law in School District No. 176, Sussex county,

Which,

On his motion, was read,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Roads and Highways.

Mr. Bradford, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and,

On motion of Mr. Robinson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to enable the Diamond Match Company to hold real estate,”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Bradford,

Was read.

Mr. Bradford, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and,

On motion of Mr. Jones,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to revive, restore, renew and re-enact Chapter 306, Volume 8, of the Laws of Delaware, entitled ‘An act to incorporate the members of the Water Witch Fire Company, of the City of Wilmington,’ passed at Dover, January 22, 1835,”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Bradford,

Was read.

Mr. Bradford presented the petition of William H. Blake and others, in favor of changing the voting place of the Fourth Election District in the City of Wilmington,

Which,

On his motion, was read,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes, with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Robinson presented a petition asking the passage of an act to incorporate the Lincoln Cemetery Association, of Lincoln, Delaware,

Which,

On his motion, was read.

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Corporations, with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Register, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and,

On motion of Mr. McNeal,
Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to regulate the expenditure of the County Funds of New Castle county by the Levy Court of said county,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Register,

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Eliason,

The bill entitled,

"An act to authorize the straightening of the public road leading from Milton to Redden Station, on the Junction and Breakwater Railroad, in Georgetown and Broadkilm hundreds, Sussex county,"

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Robinson moved

That the further consideration of the bill be indefinitely postponed,

Which motion *Prevailed.*

Mr. Van Burkalow gave notice that, on to-morrow or some future day, he would ask leave to introduce sundry bills, entitled,

"An act for the Suppression of Intemperance," and

"An act to authorize the laying out a public road in Milford hundred."

Mr. Bradford gave notice that, on to-morrow or some future day, he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Cathedral Cemetery Company, of Wilmington, Delaware."

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

"A supplement to an act entitled, 'An act to incorporate the Town of Odessa, and for other purposes,' passed at Dover, April 2, 1873," and

"An act prohibiting live stock from running at large in School District No. 45, in Sussex county,"

And returned the same to the House.

Also, that the Senate had passed, and requested the concurrence of the House in the bills entitled,

“An act authorizing Rufus K. Jacobs to straighten a public road in North-West Fork hundred, Sussex county,” and

“An act to amend the act entitled, ‘An act to reincorporate the Town of Dover,’ passed at Dover, February 27, 1879,”

And presented the same to the House.

Mr. Townsend presented a petition for the removal of certain farms from School District No. 61 to School District No. 79, in New Castle county,

Which,

On his motion, was read,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to a special committee of three,

Whereupon

Messrs. Townsend, Eliason and Pilling were appointed said committee.

Mr. Bradford presented the petition of Martha Wilson, praying to be divorced from her husband, Isaac H.,

Which,

On his motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Divorces.

On motion of Mr. Townsend,

The bill entitled,

“An act concerning negotiable instruments.”

Was read a second time by its title,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Moore moved

That the resolution in regard to summoning witnesses be taken from the table,

Which motion

Prevailed.

Mr. Bradford moved

That the further consideration of the resolution be postponed until to-morrow at 3 o'clock, P. M.,

Which motion

Prevailed.

Mr. Bradford offered a joint resolution instructing the State Librarian to insure certain property of the State,

Which,

On his motion, was read, and

Objection being made, under Rule 26, the consideration of the resolution was postponed.

Mr. Downing, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed, and requested the concurrence of the House in a joint resolution entitled,

"Joint resolution appointing a joint committee of two on the part of the Senate and three on the part of the House to settle with the State Treasurer, Auditor of Accounts, Clerks of Senate and House of Representatives, and Secretary of State,"

And presented the same to the House.

On motion of Mr. Van Burkalow,

The Senate joint resolution just received was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion,

Was read,

And further, on his motion,

Was

Concurred in.

Whereupon

Messrs. Van Burkalow, Robinson and Pilling were appointed said committee on the part of the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof and the joint resolution returned to that body.

Mr. Bradford presented a claim of William J. Maxwell for serving a requisition,

Which,

On his motion, was read,

And further, on his motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Bradford, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and,

On motion of Mr. Graham,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act concerning offenses against the persons of individuals,”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Bradford,

Was read.

Mr. Pilling, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and,

On motion of Mr. Eliason,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to renew the act incorporating the Kiamensi Woolen Company.”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Pilling,

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Bradford,

The bill entitled,

“A further supplement to the act for the benefit of the Public Schools in Wilmington,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. McNeal, on behalf of the Committee on Divorces, to whom was referred the petition of Reno J. Fougeray asking for a divorce from his wife, Sarah F. Fougeray, reported the same back with the recommendation that no action be taken in the premises.

On motion of Mr. Pilling,

The report was adopted.

Mr. McNeal, on behalf of the Committee on Divorces, to whom was referred the petition of Mary C. Reed, asking for a divorce from her husband, William D. Reed, reported the same back with the recommendation that no action be taken in the premises.

On motion of Mr. Bradford,

The report was adopted.

Mr. Bradford gave notice that, on to-morrow or some future day, he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to authorize the Recorder of Deeds in and for New Castle County to copy certain Indices.”

Mr. McNeal gave notice that on to-morrow, or some future day, he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to incorporate the Wharton Branch Canal Improvement Company.”

Mr. Matthews presented the petition of S. H. Otwell, asking to be divorced from his wife, Hannah A.,

Which,

On his motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Divorces.

Mr. T. N. Williams gave notice that, on to-morrow or some future day, he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to incorporate the Union Cemetery, of Georgetown, Delaware.”

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

WEDNESDAY, February 9, 1881—9 o'clock, A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called.

Journal read and approved.

The Senate joint resolution entitled,

“Joint resolution relating to the commutation claims of this State against the Government of the United States,”

Being the order of the day, was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Robinson moved

That the further consideration of the resolution be postponed until Tuesday next, at 3 o'clock, P. M.,

Which motion

Prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Graham,

The Senate bill entitled,

“An act to encourage Immigration to the State of Delaware,”

Was read.

Mr. Robinson presented the petition of W. S. Baker, asking for a divorce from his wife, Betsey M. Baker,

Which,

On his motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Divorces.

Mr. Bradford, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and,

On motion of Mr. Robinson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to incorporate the Cathedral Cemetery Company, of Wilmington, Delaware,”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Bradford,

Was read.

Mr. Eliason presented a petition for a public road in Milford hundred,

Which,

On his motion, was read,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Roads and Highways, with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Matthews presented a petition for a law to prevent live stock from running at large in School District No. 18, Sussex county,

Which,

On his motion; was read,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Roads and Highways.

Mr. Bradford gave notice that, on to-morrow or some future day, he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act regulating the sale of spirituous, vinous and malt liquors in the City of Wilmington.”

Mr. Downing, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had concurred in sundry House bills entitled as follows, viz :

“An act to further amend Chapter 73 of the Revised Code, entitled ‘Of the City of Wilmington,’ ”

“An act to amend Section 29 of Chapter 89 of the Revised Code of 1852, as amended and published in 1874,” and

“An act to prohibit persons from driving at a gait faster than a walk over the bridge of Broad Creek, at the old wading place, in Laurel, Sussex county,”

And returned the same to the House.

Mr. Robinson, on behalf of the Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred the House bill entitled,

“An act to incorporate the Hollywood Cemetery, of Harrington, Delaware,”

Reported the same back to the House with the recommendation that it pass.

On motion of Mr. Robinson,

The bill just reported to the House was taken up for consideration,
And, on his further motion,

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

On the question, “Shall this bill pass the House?”

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Bradford, Cahall, Eastburn, Eliason, Graham, Jones, Matthews, McNeal, Moore, Pilling, Register, Robinson, Stayton, Tomlinson, Townsend, A. C. Williams, T. N. Williams and Mr. Speaker—18.

Nays—None.

So the bill, having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. T. N. Williams, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and,

On motion of Mr. Townsend,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to incorporate the Union Cemetery Company, of Georgetown,”

Which,

On motion of Mr. T. N. Williams,

Was read.

Mr. T. N. Williams presented a petition praying for the passage of the above bill,

Which,

On his motion, was read,

And, on his further motion,

Was ordered to be filed with the bill.

Mr. McNeal gave notice that, on to-morrow or some future day, he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to incorporate the Batson Branch Ditch Company, in Baltimore hundred, Sussex county, Delaware.”

Mr. Bradford, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and,

On motion of Mr. Graham,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to authorize the Recorder of Deeds in and for New Castle county to copy certain Indices,”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Bradford,

Was read.

Mr. Robinson, on behalf of the Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred the Senate bill entitled,

“An act to incorporate the Sand-Blast File-Sharpening Company,”

Reported the same back with the recommendation that it pass.

On motion of Mr. Robinson,

The bill was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion,

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

On the question, “Shall this bill pass the House?”

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Bradford, Cahall, Eastburn, Eliason, Graham, Jones, Matthews, McNeal, Moore, Pilling, Register, Robinson, Stayton, Tomlinson, Townsend, A. C. Williams, T. N. Williams and Mr. Speaker—18.

Nays—None.

So the bill, having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof and the bill returned to that body.

Mr. Robinson, on behalf of the Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

“An act to incorporate the Athenian Literary Society of Delaware College,”

Reported the same back with the recommendation that it pass.

On motion of Mr. Pilling,

The bill just reported to the House was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion,

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

On the question, “Shall this bill pass the House?”

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Bradford, Cahall, Eastburn, Eliason, Graham, Jones, Matthews, McNeal, Moore, Pilling, Register, Robinson, Stayton, Tomlinson, Townsend, A. C. Williams, T. N. Williams and Mr. Speaker—18.

Nays—None.

So the bill, having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Bradford, on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

“An act to amend Section 45, Chapter 111, of the Revised Code,”

Reported the same back to the House with amendments, and with the recommendation that the bill, as amended, pass the House.

On motion of Mr. Bradford,

The bill was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion,

The amendments reported by the committee were read,

And further, on his motion,

Were

Adopted.

And, on his further motion,

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

On the question, "Shall the bill, as amended, pass the House?"

It was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Bradford, on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

"An act to amend Section 8, Chapter 106, Revised Code,"

Reported the same back to the House with amendments, and with the recommendation that the bill pass.

On motion of Mr. Bradford,

The bill just reported was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion,

The amendments reported from the committee were read,

And further, on his motion,

Were

Adopted.

And, on his further motion,

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

On 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. Pilling,

The Senate joint resolution entitled,

"Joint resolution in relation to the Reagan Inter-State Commerce bill,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion,

The joint resolution was read,

And further, on his motion,

Was

Concurred in.

Whereupon

Messrs. Pilling, Register and Matthews were appointed said committee on the part of the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof and the joint resolution returned to that body.

Mr. Robinson, on behalf of the Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred the Senate bill entitled,

“An act to incorporate the Star Club Stable Company,”

Reported the same back with the recommendation that it pass.

On motion of Mr. Tomlinson,

The bill just reported to the House was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion,

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

On the question, “Shall this bill pass the House?”

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bradford, Cahall, Eastburn, Eliason, Jones, Matthews, McNeal, Moore, Pilling, Register, Tomlinson, Stayton, Townsend, A. C. Williams, T. N. Williams and Mr. Speaker—16.

Nays—None.

So the bill, having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof and the bill returned to that body.

Mr. Eliason, on behalf of the committee to whom was referred a petition for a law prohibiting live stock from running at large in School District No. 48, in New Castle county, reported a bill entitled,

"An act to prohibit live stock from running at large in School District No. 48, New Castle county,"

Which,

On his motion, was read.

Mr. Matthews presented the petition of Morris T. Conoway, of Sussex county, to change School Districts Nos. 122, 44 and 150,

Which,

On his motion, was read,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Bradford,

The bill entitled,

"An act to revive, restore, renew and re-enact Chapter 306, Volume 8 of the Laws of Delaware, entitled 'An act to incorporate the Water Witch Fire Company, of the City of Wilmington,' passed at Dover, January 22, 1835,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. Townsend presented a remonstrance against the bill entitled,

"An act for the Protection of Fish, Oysters and Game,"

Which,

On his motion, was read,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Fish, Oysters and Game.

On motion of Mr. Bradford,

The bill entitled,

"An act concerning offenses against the persons of individuals,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Bradford,
The bill entitled,

"An act to enable the Diamond Match Company to hold real estate,"

Was read a second time by its title,
And, on his further motion,
Was referred to the Committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Stayton,
The Senate bill entitled,

"An act authorizing Rufus K. Jacobs to straighten a public road in North-West Fork hundred, Sussex county,"

Was read.

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

"An act exempting from execution and attachment process, and from distress for rent, sewing machines of seamstresses and private families,"

Reported the same back to the House with the recommendation that the bill pass.

On motion of Mr. Bradford,
The bill was taken up for consideration,
And, on his further motion,
Was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.
On the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"
It was decided in the affirmative,
And the bill

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof and the bill returned to that body.

Mr. McNeal presented a remonstrance against an act to amend Chapter 55 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware, entitled "For the Protection of Fish, Oysters and Game,"

Which,
 On his motion, was read,
 And further, on his motion,
 Was referred to the Committee on Fish, Oysters and Game.
 On motion, the House adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M.

SAME DAY—3 o'clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The resolution in regard to summoning witnesses being the order of the day, was taken up for consideration.

On motion of Mr. Pilling,

The resolution was read, as follows :

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the Committee on Divorces be authorized to issue summons to compel the attendance of witnesses in divorce cases, the expense of said summons being paid by the party in whose behalf the witness is summoned.

And, on his further motion,

The resolution was

Adopted.

Mr. Bradford presented the petition of James A. Conner, asking for a divorce,

Which,

On his motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Divorces.

Mr. Bradford presented affidavits in the case of the application of James A. Conner for a divorce.

Mr. Bradford moved

That the affidavits be received and referred to the Committee on Divorces,

Which motion was

Lost.

Mr. Matthews gave notice that, on to-morrow or some future day, he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to amend Section 6 of Chapter 8 of the Revised Statutes, entitled ‘Of the Levy Court.’”

Mr. Eliason presented a petition in relation to fish,

Which,

On his motion, was read,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Fish, Oysters and Game.

Mr. Tomlinson presented a petition in relation to fish,

Which,

On his motion, was read.

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Fish, Oysters and Game.

Mr. Cahall presented a petition in relation to fish,

Which,

On his motion, was read,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Fish, Oysters and Game.

Mr. McNeal, on behalf of the Committee on Divorces, to whom was referred the petition of Mary A. Virtue, asking for a divorce from her husband, David L., reported the same back with the recommendation that no action be taken in the premises.

Mr. Robinson moved

That the report be adopted,

Which motion

Prevailed.

The Hon. James L. Wolcott, Secretary of State, being admitted, delivered to the House a special message from his Excellency, the

Governor, and informed the House that he had delivered sundry documents to the Senate, and had requested that body to deliver the same to the House.

On motion of Mr. Robinson,

The message just received was read, as follows :

SPECIAL MESSAGE.

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives :

At a meeting of the Governors of the thirteen original States, held in Carpenter's Hall, and adjourned to old Independence Hall, in the city of Philadelphia, in 1879, it was determined that the Centennial Anniversary of the surrender of Cornwallis, at Yorktown, should be commemorated with suitable ceremonies on the 19th day of October, A. D. 1881. It was also resolved that the Governor of each State should appoint a Commissioner, whereupon I appointed Hon. Benjamin T. Biggs, for Delaware.

This is an event which appeals with peculiar force to the patriotic sentiment of these States, inasmuch as it virtually terminated their condition of colonial bondage and placed them on a footing of equality among the nations of the earth. That which they obtained by the recognition of each State as a separate and distinct sovereignty was not acquired by right of inheritance nor by voluntary grant, but was purchased by the immense sacrifice of life and property. Our patriotic ancestors, in the dark days of the Revolution, having distinguished themselves by their wisdom in council and their chivalry in battle, it is very natural that Delaware should feel a deep interest in the commemoration of those events of revolutionary times, whereunto the heart of every lover of civil and religious liberty turns with fond and reverential respect.

The battle of Cowpens, being one of a series of contests between the American and British forces preliminary to the triumph at Yorktown, forms also an event of prominence and importance in the history of American Independence, the centennial anniversary of which is proposed to be celebrated in a proper manner, at Spartansburg, on the 11th day of May, 1881.

I call your attention to these subjects, and herewith submit the accompanying papers in reference thereto, in order that you may take such steps as you shall deem necessary for a proper participation by Delaware in the observance of those occasions.

In making this special communication, I would also direct your attention to the International Exposition to be held in the city of New

York, in 1883. This will be an occasion of interest and importance to the people of this State, since it will afford an opportunity for the exhibition of specimens of our manufactures and various agricultural products, and thus enlarge public acquaintance with our natural resources, and lead, perhaps, to their more thorough development.

Upon my recommendation, the President of the United States has appointed J. Parke Postles, of Wilmington, and Alden B. Richardson, of Dover, as Commissioners on behalf of this State, and Cæsar A. Rodney, of Wilmington, and Joseph B. Wilson, of Claymont, as alternates.

JOHN W. HALL.

Dover, February 9, 1881.

Mr. Bradford presented a memorial of W. C. Spruance and others, recommending the passage of the bill entitled

“An act supplementary to Chapter 85 of the Revised Code of this State, relating to sales of real estate by trustees,”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Bradford,

Was read,

And, on his further motion,

Was ordered to be filed with the bill.

Mr. Matthews, on behalf of the Committee on Roads and Highways, to whom was referred the Senate bill entitled,

“An act prohibiting live stock from running at large in School District No. 49, in Sussex county,”

Reported the same back with the recommendation that the bill pass.

On motion of Mr. Matthews,

The bill was taken up for consideration,

And further, on his motion,

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

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

It was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof and the bill returned to that body.

Mr. McNeal, on behalf of the Committee on Divorces, to whom was referred the petition of Laura C. Drake, reported a bill entitled,

“An act for the relief of Laura C. Drake,

Which,

On motion of Mr. McNeal,

Was read.

Mr. Tomlinson moved that the Sergeant-at-Arms be instructed to wait upon the Clerk of the Divorce Committee and request that the evidence taken in the case of Laura C. Drake be delivered to the House,

Which motion

Prevailed.

Mr. Thomas A. Joseph, the Sergeant-at-Arms, reported that he had waited upon the Clerk of the Divorce Committee and had received the evidence taken in the case of Laura C. Drake, and delivered the same to the House.

On motion of Mr. Tomlinson,

The evidence in the case of Laura C. Drake was ordered to be filed with the bill for her relief.

On motion of Mr. Bradford,

The “Joint resolution directing the State Librarian to insure certain property of the State,”

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Bradford offered amendments to the resolution,

Which, on his motion, were

Adopted.

Mr. Bradford moved

That the resolution, as amended, be adopted.

Mr. Graham moved

That the further consideration of the resolution be postponed until to-morrow at 3 o'clock, P. M.,

Which motion

Prevailed.

Mr. Downing, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed, and requested the concurrence of the House in a joint resolution entitled,

“Joint resolution in relation to the Special Message of His Excellency the Governor,”

And presented the same to the House.

Mr. Van Burkalow, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and,

On motion of Mr. Robinson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act for the Suppression of Intemperance,”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Van Burkalow,

Was read.

Mr. Van Burkalow, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and

On motion of Mr. Matthews,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to authorize the laying out a public road in Milford hundred,”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Van Burkalow,

Was read.

Mr. Robinson moved

That the Senate joint resolution entitled,

“Joint resolution in relation to the Special Message of His Excellency the Governor,”

Be taken up for consideration,

Which motion

Prevailed.

And, on his further motion,

The joint resolution was read,

And further, on his motion,

Was

Concurred in.

Whereupon

Messrs. Robinson, Moore and Swayne were appointed said committee on the part of the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof and the joint resolution returned to that body.

Mr. Townsend offered a joint resolution entitled,

“Joint resolution Relating to Temperance,”

Which,

On his motion, was read,

And, on his further motion,

Was

Adopted.

Whereupon

Messrs. Townsend, Bradford, Register, Graham and Tomlinson were appointed, in pursuance of said resolution, a committee on the part of the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Townsend presented the petition of Sarah C. Watson, asking for a divorce,

Which,

On his motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Divorces.

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

THURSDAY, February 10, 1881—10 o'clock, A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called.

Journal read and approved.

The bill entitled,

“An act supplementary to Chapter 85 of the Revised Code of this State, relating to sales of real estate by trustees,”

Being the order of the day, was taken up for consideration.

On motion of Mr. Bradford,

The bill was recommitted.

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

“An act for the Relief of Archibald Given,”

Reported the same back to the House with amendments, and with the recommendation that the bill, as amended, pass.

On motion of Mr. McNeal,

The bill just reported to the House was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion,

The amendments reported from the committee were read, as follows :

Amend by prefixing the following title :

“An act for the Relief of Archibald Given.”

Amend preamble by inserting, in the fourteenth line thereof, between the words “Given” and “has,” the words “claims that he—”

Amend by striking out all of the bill after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu of the portion so stricken out the following, to wit :

“SECTION 1. That the Levy Court of New Castle county be and it is hereby authorized and empowered, in the exercise of its discretion and subject to the provisions of Section 2 of this act, to pay to the said Archibald Given so much money, not to exceed in any event the sum of ninety-six hundred and twenty-five dollars, as the said Court, upon investigation, shall consider the said Archibald Given justly and equitably entitled to receive on account of any failure of his sub-contractors to fulfill their contracts with him relating to the erection of said Court House, and of the advance in the price of materials, which the said Archibald Given, by reason of any such failure on the part of his sub-contractors, was compelled to purchase for the erection of said Court House.

“SECTION 2. That no portion of the said sum of ninety-six hundred and twenty-five dollars shall be paid by said Court to the said Archibald Given unless the said Archibald Given shall first submit to said Court a statement, in writing, verified by his oath, setting forth particularly all items of expenditure by him, and all payments to him, for or on account of the erection of said Court House; and unless it shall satisfactorily appear to said Court that the said Archibald Given, in his acceptance of the contract for the erection of said Court House, acted in good faith, and with the expectation that he would be able, without loss to himself, to complete the work by him contracted to be done for the contract price; nor shall any portion of the said sum of ninety-six hundred and twenty-five dollars be paid by said Court to the said Archibald Given for or on account of any item or items of loss by him sustained, which, in the opinion of said Court, could have been avoided by the exercise, by him, of ordinary care or business prudence, or for or on account of any item or items of loss by him sustained, which, in the opinion of said Court, can be made good to the said Archibald Given by suit against the person or persons liable therefor.”

On motion of Mr. McNeal,

The amendments were

Adopted,

And, on his further motion,

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

On the question, “Shall the bill, as amended, pass the House?”

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bradford, Cahall, Graham, McNeal, Moore, Pilling, Register, Robinson, Stayton, Tomlinson, Van Burkalow, T. N. Williams, Woodkeeper and Mr. Speaker—14.

Nays—Messrs. Eastburn, Eliason, Jones, Matthews, Swayne, Townsend and A. C. Williams—7.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof and the bill returned to that body.

On motion of Mr. Van Burkalow,

The bill entitled,

“An act for the Suppression of Intemperance,”

Was read a second time by its title.

Mr. Bradford, on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

“An act to provide for the enrollment of the militia, for the organization of the volunteer militia, and for the public defense,”

Reported the same back to the House with the recommendation that the bill do not pass.

On motion of Mr. Bradford,

The report was adopted.

Mr. Bradford, on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes, reported a bill entitled,

“An act to amend Chapter 15 of the Revised Code, entitled ‘Of the Public Arms and Defense,’ ”

Which,

On his motion, was read.

Mr. Robinson, on behalf of the Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred the petition asking the passage of the act to incorporate the Lincoln Cemetery Association, at Lincoln, Del., reported a bill entitled,

“An act to incorporate the Lincoln Cemetery Association, of Lincoln, Delaware,”

Which,

On his motion, was read.

Mr. T. N. Williams presented a petition asking for an act creating a new school district out of parts of School Districts Nos. 69 and 73, in Sussex county, and also a remonstrance against the same,

Which,

On his motion, were read,

And, on his further motion,

Were referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Tomlinson, on behalf of the Committee on Enrollment, reported that they had found the following Senate bills and joint resolutions to be duly and correctly enrolled and signed by the Speaker of the Senate, viz :

“An act to amend Chapter 133 of the Revised Code, (General Provisions Concerning Crimes, &c.),”

“An act to renew and re-enact the act of incorporation of the Marshy Hope Improvement Company,”

“An act to lay out a new public road in North-West Fork Hundred, Sussex county, Delaware,”

“Joint resolution appointing a joint committee to wait on His Excellency the Governor and inform him that the two Houses are convened and ready to receive any communication he may have to make,”

“Joint resolution in relation to the report of C. H. B. Day,”

“Joint resolution in relation to the defense of certain persons indicted in the District Court of the United States,”

“Joint resolution in relation to the petition of certain citizens of St. George's and Red Lion hundreds,”

“Joint resolution appointing a State Librarian.”

“Joint resolution in relation to Auditor's Report,”

“Joint resolution in relation to arrears of taxes of National Banks,”

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

Mr. Matthews in pursuance of previous notice asked, and

On motion of Mr. Eliason,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to amend Section 6 of Chapter 8 of the Revised Statutes, entitled ‘Of the Levy Court,’”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Matthews,

Was read.

Mr. Eliason, on behalf of the Committee on Roads and Highways, to whom was referred a petition for a public road in Milford Hundred, reported a bill entitled,

“An act to lay out a new public road in Milford hundred, Kent County,”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Eliason,

Was read.

On motion of Mr. T. N. Williams,

The bill entitled,

“An act to incorporate the Union Cemetery Company, of Georgetown,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. Bradford moved that one hundred copies of the bill entitled,

“An act to amend Chapter XV of the Revised Code, entitled ‘Of the Public Arms and Defense,’“

Be printed for the use of the House,

Which motion

Prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Van Burkalow,

The bill entitled,

“An act providing for the punishment of persons carrying concealed a deadly weapon,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Crime, Vice and Immorality.

Mr. Tomlinson, on behalf of the Committee on Enrollment, reported that they had found the following House bills and joint resolutions to be duly and correctly enrolled, and presented the same for the signature of the Speaker of the House, viz :

“An act to amend Section 5 of Chapter 46 of Vol. 16 of the Laws of Delaware, entitled ‘An act in relation to Free Schools in this State,’ ”

“An act to further amend an act entitled, ‘An act to amend the Charter of the City of Wilmington,’ ”

“An act to incorporate the Ancient Order of Hibernians, (Division No. 2) of Brandywine Banks, New Castle county, Delaware,”

“An act to incorporate St. Paul’s Beneficial Society, of Wilmington, Delaware,”

“An act to incorporate the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Division No. 3, of the City of New Castle, Delaware,”

“An act to authorize the Levy Court of Kent county to reappoint for an additional term or terms of three years a Constable for Kenton hundred, who shall reside in the village of Kenton,”

“An act to authorize the City Council of the City of Wilmington to sell and convey the City Hospital property,”

“An act for the Protection of Game,”

“An act to incorporate the German Library Association of the City of Wilmington,”

“An act prohibiting live stock from running at large in School District No. 45, in Sussex county,”

“Joint resolution adjourning both Houses until Monday, the 10th inst.,” and

“Joint resolution granting an audience to the Delaware State Temperance Alliance.”.

Mr. Bradford, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and,

On motion of Mr. Graham,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act regulating the sale of spirituous, vinous and malt liquors in the City of Wilmington,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Bradford,

Was read.

Mr. Bradford presented the petition of Victor DuPont, James Ponder, George Gray, Charles B. Lore, John H. Paynter, I. C. Grubb and others, asking for the passage of a militia bill,

Which,

On his motion, was read,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Graham,

The bill entitled,

"An act for the relief of Laura C. Drake,"

Was read a second time by its title.

Mr. Matthews, on behalf of the Committee on Roads and Highways, to whom was referred the petition on the subject, reported a bill entitled,

"An act to prevent live stock from running at large in School District No. 18, in Sussex county,"

Which,

On his motion, was read.

On motion of Mr. Bradford,

The bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Cathedral Cemetery Company, of Wilmington, Delaware,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. Robinson, on behalf of the Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred the Senate bill entitled,

"An act to revive, restore, renew and re-enact Chapter 22, Volume 10 of the Laws of Delaware, entitled 'An act to incorporate the subscribers of the Newark Union, in Brandywine hundred,' passed at Dover, February 5, 1845,"

Reported the same back with an amendment.

On motion of Mr. Robinson,

The bill was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion,

The amendment was read, as follows :

Amend the bill by adding the following as Section 2 :

"SECTION 2. The power to change, alter or revoke this act is hereby expressly reserved to the Legislature."

And further, on his motion,

The amendment was

Adopted.

And, on his further motion,

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

On the question, " Shall this bill pass the House ?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bradford, Cahall, Eastburn, Eliason, Graham, Jones, Matthews, McNeal, Moore, Pilling, Register, Robinson, Stayton, Swayne, Townsend, Van Burkalow, T. N. Williams, Wood-keeper and Mr. Speaker—19.

Nays—None.

So the bill, having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof and the bill returned to that body.

On motion of Mr. Bradford,

The bill entitled,

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

Was read a second time by its title,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Van Burkalow,

The bill entitled,

“An act to authorize the laying out a public road in Milford hundred,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Roads and Highways.

On motion, the House adjourned until three o'clock, P. M.

SAME DAY—3 o'clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Downing, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in sundry bills entitled,

“A supplement to an act entitled, ‘An act to incorporate the Purchasers of the Wilmington and Western Railroad,’ ”

“An act to exempt from taxation certain real estate in the City of Wilmington,” and

“An act prohibiting live stock from running at large in School District No. 126, in Sussex county,”

And presented the same to the House.

The joint resolution entitled,

“Joint resolution directing the State Librarian to insure certain property of the State,”

Being the order of the day,
On motion of Mr. Bradford,
Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Bradford moved

That the resolution be adopted,
Upon which motion

Mr. Cahall called for the yeas and nays,
Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bradford, Eastburn, Eliason, Robinson, Swayne, Tomlinson. Townsend, Van Burkalow, A. C. Williams, T. N. Williams and Mr. Speaker—11.

Nays—Messrs. Cahall, Graham, Jones, Matthews, McNeal, Moore, Pilling, Stayton and Woodkeeper—9.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,
And the joint resolution was

Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Matthews presented the petition of John H. Elliott and 324 other citizens of Little Creek hundred, Sussex county, in favor of the passage of the bill for the suppression of intemperance,

Which,

On motion of Mr. Matthews,

Was read,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Intemperance.

Mr. Bradford presented the petition of Isaac J. Nickolson and 74 other citizens of Wilmington, in favor of the passage of the bill for the suppression of intemperance; also a petition of C. C. Cole and 30 other citizens of Wilmington, on the same subject,

Which,

On motion of Mr. Bradford,

Were referred to the Committee on Intemperance.

Mr. Robinson presented the petition of James Welch and 41 other citizens of Milford, Kent county, in favor of the passage of the bill for the suppression of intemperance,

Which,

On motion of Mr. Robinson,

Was referred to the Committee on Intemperance.

Mr. Cahall presented the petition of F. H. Purnell and 196 other citizens of Mispillion hundred, Kent county, in favor of the passage of the bill for the suppression of intemperance,

Which,

On motion of Mr. Cahall,

Was referred to the Committee on Intemperance.

Mr. Van Burkalow presented the petition of Jacob G. Brown and 28 other citizens of North Murderkill hundred, Kent county, in favor of the passage of the bill for the suppression of intemperance ; also the petition of Ignatius T. Cooper and 14 other citizens of the same hundred, on the same subject,

Which,

On motion of Mr. Van Burkalow,

Were referred to the Committee on Intemperance.

Mr. Graham presented the petition of J. M. Arthurs and 80 other citizens of Kenton and Little Creek hundreds, in favor of the passage of the bill for the suppression of intemperance,

Which,

On motion of Mr. Graham,

Was referred to the Committee on Intemperance.

Mr. Register presented the petition of J. W. Denney and 387 other citizens of Duck Creek hundred, Kent county, in favor of the passage of the bill for the suppression of intemperance,

Which,

On motion of Mr. Register,

Was referred to the Committee on Intemperance.

Mr. Pilling presented the petition of James R. Vincent, and other citizens of White Clay Creek hundred, New Castle county, in favor of the bill for the suppression of intemperance,

Which,

On motion of Mr. Pilling,

Was referred to the Committee on Intemperance.

Mr. Swayne presented the petition of J. Herbert Brown and 148 other citizens of Christiana hundred, for the passage of the bill for the suppression of intemperance,

Which,

On motion of Mr. Swayne,

Was referred to the Committee on Intemperance.

Mr. T. N. Williams presented a petition for the passage of an act for the suppression of intemperance,

Which,

On motion of Mr. T. N. Williams,

Was referred to the Committee on Intemperance.

Mr. A. C. Williams presented the petition of James E. Boyce and 17 other citizens of West Dover Hundred, in favor of the passage of an act for the suppression of intemperance, also the petition of Rev. Cyrus Huntington and 240 other citizens of East Dover hundred, Kent County, in favor the passage of said act,

Which,

On motion of Mr. A. C. Williams,

Were referred to the Committee on Intemperance.

Mr. Moore presented the petition of C. S. Clements and 148 other citizens of Little Creek Hundred, Kent county, in favor of the bill for the suppression of intemperance,

Which,

On motion of Mr. Moore,

Was referred to the Committee on Intemperance.

Mr. Woodkeeper presented the petition of A. C. Lattimus and 20 other citizens of Blackbird hundred, in favor of the passage of the bill for the suppression of intemperance,

Which,

On motion of Mr. Woodkeeper,

Was referred to the Committee on Intemperance.

Mr. Bradford presented the petition of 4,913 citizens of New Castle county, in favor of the principles of Local Option,

Which,

On motion of Mr. Bradford,

Was referred to the Committee on Intemperance.

Mr. Bradford presented the petition of Thomas Holcomb and others for the passage of the bill to amend the act incorporating the Wilmington and Western Railroad Company,

Which,

On motion of Mr. Bradford,

Was read.

Mr. Bradford, on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

“An act to amend Chapter 378 of Volume 14 of the Laws of Delaware,”

Reported the same back with the recommendation that the bill pass.

On motion of Mr. Bradford,

The bill was taken up for consideration,

And further, on his motion,

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

And, on 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.

Mr. Robinson, on behalf of the Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred the petition asking the passage of an act to incorporate the Town of Milton, reported a bill entitled,

"An act to reincorporate the Town of Milton,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Robinson,

Was read.

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

"An act to vacate a portion of Water Street, in the City of Wilmington,"

Reported the same back with the recommendation that it pass.

On motion of Mr. Bradford,

The bill was taken up for consideration,

And further, on his motion,

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

On the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bradford, Cahall, Eastburn, Eliason, Graham, Jones, Matthews, Moore, Pilling, Register, Robinson, Stayton, Swayne, Tomlinson, Townsend, Van Burkalow, A. C. Williams, T. N. Williams, Woodkeeper and Mr. Speaker—20.

Nays—None.

So the bill, having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof and the bill returned to that body.

Mr. Bradford, on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

"An act concerning offenses against the persons of individuals,"

Reported the same back to the House with amendments, and with the recommendation that the bill, as amended, pass the House.

On motion of Mr. Bradford,

The bill was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion,

The amendments reported by the committee were read,

And further, on his motion,

Were

Adopted.

And, on his further motion,

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

Mr. Tomlinson moved

That the bill be recommitted,

Which motion

Prevailed.

Mr. Bradford, on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes, to whom was referred the House bill entitled,

“An act to amend Chapter 8 of the Revised Statutes, entitled ‘Of the Levy Court,’ ”

Reported the same back with amendments.

On motion of Mr. Bradford,

The bill was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion,

The amendments were read,

And further, on his motion,

The amendments were

Adopted,

And, on his further motion,

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

On the question, “Shall this bill pass the House?”

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Bradford, Cahall, Eliason, Graham, Jones, Matthews, McNeal, Moore, Register, Robinson, Stayton, Tomlinson, Van Burkalow, T. N. Williams, Woodkeeper and Mr. Speaker—16.

Nays—Messrs. Eastburn, Pilling, Swayne, Townsend and A. C. Williams—5.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Bradford, on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

“An act authorizing the sale of certain real property therein mentioned,”

Reported the same back with the recommendation that it pass.

On motion of Mr. Bradford,

The bill just reported to the House was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion,

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

On 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. Pilling,

The Senate bill entitled,

“A supplement to an act entitled, ‘An act to incorporate the Purchasers of the Wilmington and Western Railroad,’”

Was read,

And, on motion of Mr. T. N. Williams,

Three hundred copies of the bill were ordered to be printed for the use of the House.

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

“An act authorizing the Mayor and Council of Wilmington to levy and collect taxes upon telegraph or telephone poles erected within the City of Wilmington,”

Reported the same back to the House with amendments.

On motion of Mr. Bradford,

The bill was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion,

The amendments were read, as follows :

Amend the title by inserting immediately after the word "telegraph" the words "and telephone."

Amend Section 1 by inserting in the third line thereof, between the words "telegraph" and "poles," the words "and telephone."

Amend Section 1 by striking out all thereof, after the word "same," in the sixth line thereof.

On motion of Mr. Bradford,

The amendments were

Adopted,

And, on his further motion,

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

On the question, "Shall the bill, as amended, pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bradford, Cahall, Eastburn, Eliason, Graham, Jones, Matthews, McNeal, Moore, Pilling, Register, Robinson, Stayton, Swayne, Tomlinson, Townsend, Van Burkalow, A. C. Williams, T. N. Williams, Woodkeeper and Mr. Speaker—21.

Nays—None.

So the bill, having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof and the bill returned to that body.

Mr. Eliason moved

That when the House adjourn it adjourn to meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Which motion

Prevailed.

Mr. Bradford, on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

"An act to amend an act entitled, 'An act appointing additional times for holding the Court of General Sessions of the Peace and Jail Delivery in New Castle county,' passed at Dover, March 18, 1879,"

Reported the same back to the House with the recommendation that it pass.

On motion of Mr. Bradford,

The bill was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion,

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

On 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.

Mr. Van Burkalow, on behalf of the Committee on Fish, Oysters, and Game, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

"An act to amend Chapter 55 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware, entitled 'For the Protection of Fish, Oysters and Game,'"

Reported the same back, with amendments.

On motion of Mr. Van Burkalow,

The bill was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion,

The amendments were read.

Mr. Robinson moved

That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until Thursday next, at 3 o'clock, P. M.,

Which motion

Prevailed.

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

FRIDAY, February 11, 1881—9 o'clock, A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Roll called.

Journal read and approved.

Mr. Graham moved

That the bill entitled,

“An act for the Relief of Laura C. Drake,”

Be taken up for consideration.

Mr. Bradford moved

That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until Tuesday next, at 10 o'clock, A. M.,

Which motion

Prevailed.

Mr. Bradford gave notice that, on to-morrow or some future day, he would ask leave to introduce sundry bills, entitled,

“An act in Relation to Evidence,” and

“An act to incorporate the Penn Loan Association, No. 2, of Wilmington.”

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

“An act to amend Chapter 21 of Volume 14 of the Laws of Delaware, entitled ‘An act to amend Chapter 390 of Volume 13 of the Laws of Delaware,’ ”

And returned the same to the House.

On motion of Mr. Eliason,

The bill entitled,

“An act to prohibit live stock from running at large in School District No. 49, New Castle county,”

Was read a second time by its title,
 And, on his further motion,
 Was referred to the Committee on Roads and Highways.

Mr. Robinson presented the remonstrance of The Joseph Teas Company, of the city of Wilmington, and 236 others against the passage of the supplement to the act incorporating the purchasers of the Delaware Western Railroad.

Which,
 On his motion, was read,
 And, on his further motion,
 Was ordered to be filed with the bill.

On motion of Mr. Matthews,
 The bill entitled,

“An act to amend Chapter 8 of the Revised Statutes, entitled, ‘Of the Levy Court,’ ”

Was read a second time by its title,
 And, on his further motion,
 Was referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Register,
 The bill entitled,

“An act to regulate the expenditure of the County Funds of New Castle county by the Levy Court of said county,”

Was read a second time by its title.

Mr. Register moved

That the bill be referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes,
 Upon which motion

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Cahall, Jones, Matthews, McNeal, Moore, Register, Robinson, Stayton, Tomlinson, Van Burkalow, A. C. Williams and Mr. Speaker—12.

Nays—Messrs. Eastburn, Eliason, Pilling, Swayne, Townsend and Woodkeeper—6.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the motion

Prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Pilling,

The bill entitled,

“An act to renew the act incorporating the Kiamensi Woolen Company,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Eliason,

The bill entitled,

“An act to lay out a new public road in Milford hundred, Kent county,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Roads and Highways.

On motion of Mr. Matthews,

The bill entitled,

“An act to prevent live stock from running at large in School District No. 18, in Sussex county,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Roads and Highways.

Mr. Swayne gave notice that, on to-morrow or some future day, he would ask leave to introduce sundry bills entitled,

“A further supplement to an act entitled, ‘An act to incorporate a company for making a turnpike road from the borough of Wilmington to the line between this State and Pennsylvania at or near the house now occupied by Charles Twaddle,’ passed at Dover, January 21st, 1811,” and

"An act prohibiting stock from running at large in School Districts Nos. 24, 23, 75 and 19, in New Castle county."

Mr. Bradford moved

That when the House adjourn it adjourn to meet at 3.30 o'clock, P. M., on Monday next,

Which motion

Prevailed.

Mr. McNeal, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and,

On motion of Mr. Stayton,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Wharton Branch Canal Improvement Company,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. McNeal,

Was read.

On motion, the House adjourned until Monday, at 3½ o'clock, P. M.

MONDAY, February 14, 1881—3½ o'clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called.

Journal read and approved.

Mr. Eastburn presented a petition in favor of the passage of the bill entitled,

“A supplement to an act entitled, ‘An act to incorporate the purchasers of the Wilmington and Western Railroad,’”

Which,

On his motion, was read,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. Tomlinson presented a petition from citizens of Wilmington in reference to a State Normal School,

Which,

On his motion, was read,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Robinson presented a petition for an act divorcing William S. Baker,

Which,

On his motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Divorces.

Mr. Graham presented a petition for an act laying out a public road in Kenton hundred,

Which,

On his motion, was read,
 And, on his further motion,
 Was referred to the Committee on Roads and Highways.

Mr. Bradford, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and,
 On motion of Mr. Townsend,
 Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,
 "An act to incorporate the Penn Loan Association, No. 2, of Wil-
 mington,"

Which,
 On motion of Mr. Bradford,
 Was read.

On motion of Mr. Robinson,
 The bill entitled,
 "An act to incorporate the Lincoln Cemetery Association, of Lin-
 coln, Delaware,"

Was read a second time by its title,
 And, on his further motion,
 Was referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. Bradford, on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes, to
 whom was referred the bill entitled,

"An act to authorize the Recorder of Deeds in and for New Castle
 County to copy certain Indices."

Reported the same back with the recommendation that it pass.

On motion of Mr. Bradford,
 The bill just reported to the House was taken up for consideration,
 And, on his further motion,
 Was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.
 On 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.

Mr. Eliason, on behalf of the Committee on Roads and Highways, to whom was referred the House bill entitled,

"An act to prohibit live stock from running at large in School District No. 48, in New Castle county,"

Reported the same back to the House with the recommendation that it pass.

On motion of Mr. Eliason,

The bill just reported to the House was taken up for consideration,
And, on his further motion,

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

On 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. Tomlinson,

The bill entitled,

"An act to reincorporate the Town of Milton,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And further, on his motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. Graham gave notice that, on to-morrow or some future day, he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act in relation to Weights and Measures."

On motion of Mr. Stayton,

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act authorizing Rufus K. Jacobs to straighten a public road in North-West Fork hundred, Sussex county,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Roads and Highways.

Mr. Eliason, on behalf of the Committee on Roads and Highways, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

“An act to lay out a new public road in Milford hundred, Kent county,”

Reported the same back with the recommendation that it pass.

On motion of Mr. Eliason,

The bill was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion,

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

On 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.

Mr. Bradford gave notice that, on to-morrow or some future day, he would ask leave to introduce sundry bills entitled,

“An act authorizing the Superior Court to deposit or invest money paid into said court,” and

“An act to amend Chapter III of the Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware, entitled ‘Of Execution.’ ”

Mr. Bradford, on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

“An act concerning offenses against the persons of individuals,”

Reported the same back with the recommendation that it pass.

On motion of Mr. Bradford,

The bill just reported was taken up for consideration,

And further, on his motion,

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

On 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.

Mr. Townsend presented a remonstrance from J. F. Staats and others in relation to fish, game and oysters,

Which,

On his motion, was read,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Fish, Oysters and Game.

Mr. Downing, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had concurred in sundry House bills entitled as follows, viz :

“An act to incorporate the Athenian Literary Society of Delaware College,”

“An act authorizing and empowering the Town Commissioners of the Town of Seaford to sell a certain lot called Market Space,”

And returned the same to the House.

He also presented sundry duly and correctly enrolled Senate bills for the signature of the Speaker of the House, the same having received the signature of the Speaker of the Senate, to wit :

“An act for the Relief of Archibald Given,”

“An act in relation to the Notary Public now appointed or who may hereafter be appointed for the Delaware City National Bank.”

On motion of Mr. T. N. Williams,

The Senate bill entitled,

“A supplement to an act entitled ‘An act to incorporate the purchasers of the Wilmington and Western Railroad,’ ”

Was read a second time by its title,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Graham,

The Senate bill entitled,

“An act to amend the act entitled, ‘An act to reincorporate the Town of Dover,’ passed at Dover, February 27, 1879,”

Was read, together with the accompanying papers.

Mr. Swayne, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and,

On motion of Mr. Townsend,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“A further supplement to an act entitled, ‘An act to incorporate a company for making a turnpike road from the Borough of Wilmington to the line between this State and Pennsylvania, at or near the house now occupied by Charles Twaddle,’ passed at Dover, January 21, 1811,”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Swayne,

Was read.

Mr. McNeal gave notice that on to-morrow, or some future day, he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to consolidate School Districts Nos. 32 and 108, in Sussex county, under the title of ‘The Selbyville Public Schools.’”

Mr. Townsend gave notice that, on to-morrow or some future day, he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to promote the cause of education in Delaware by the establishment of a Normal School for the Education and Training of Teachers for the Free Schools of the State.”

On motion of Mr. Bradford,

The bill entitled,

“An act to amend Chapter XV of the Revised Code, entitled ‘Of the Public Arms and Defense,’”

Was read a second time by its title,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. A. C. Williams gave notice that, on to-morrow or some future day, he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to reincorporate the owners and possessors of the marsh and low ground commonly called and known by the name of the Cul-

breth Marsh, situate in North Murderkill and West Dover hundreds, in Kent county, under the title of 'The Culbreth Marsh Ditch Company.'"

Mr. Cahall presented the petition of Samuel Tippet, asking for an act to divorce him from his wife, Matilda J.,

Which,

On his motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Divorces.

On motion of Mr. McNeal,

The bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Wharton Branch Canal Improvement Company,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Roads and Highways.

On motion of Mr. Cahall,

The Senate bill entitled

"An act to encourage Immigration to the State of Delaware,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to a special committee of three,

Whereupon

Messrs. Cahall, Robinson and Eastburn were appointed said committee.

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

"An act to provide for the better security of life and limb in cases of fire in hotels and other buildings,"

Reported the same back with the recommendation that it pass.

On motion of Mr. Swayne,

The bill just reported to the House was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion,

The further consideration of the bill was postponed until Tuesday, the 15th inst.

Mr. Van Burkalow gave notice that, on to-morrow or some future day, he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to repeal Sections 15 and 16 of Chapter 55 of the Revised Statutes of this State.”

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

TUESDAY, February 15, 1881—10 o'clock, A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called.

Journal read and approved.

Mr. Robinson moved

That the Senate bill entitled,

“An act to renew the act to incorporate the Artisans' Savings Bank and the acts supplementary thereto, and to amend the same,”

Be taken from the table.

Which motion

Prevailed,

And, on his further motion,

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

On the question, “Shall this bill pass the House?”

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bradford, Cahall, Eastburn, Eliason, Graham, Jones, Matthews, McNeal, Moore, Pilling, Register, Robinson, Stayton, Swayne, Tomlinson, Townsend, Van Burkalow, A. C. Williams, T. N. Williams, Woodkeeper, and Mr. Speaker—21.

Nays—None.

So the bill, having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof and the bill returned to that body.

On motion of Mr. Pilling,

The report of the Joint Committee in relation to the Regan Inter-Commerce bill before Congress,

Was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion,

The report was read as follows :

REPORT

Of the Joint Committee appointed on behalf of the Senate and House of Representatives to whom was referred the matter of the bill and its amendments reported to the House of Representatives by Mr. Regan, of Texas, "to establish a Board of Commissioners of Inter-State Commerce, and for other purposes."

Your Committee respectfully beg leave to report that they have examined into the matter referred to them and believe it to be a step in the right direction to protect the interest and advance the general welfare of our people, and therefore recommend the passage of the following joint resolution :

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Delaware in General Assembly met, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be requested to give the matter now before the House of Representatives (introduced by Mr. Regan, of Texas, to establish a Board of Commissioners of Inter-State Commerce and for other purposes) or any amendment or substitute having the like end in view, their personal attention and cordial support, and that a copy of this resolution, signed by the Speaker of the Senate and

House of Representatives, be forwarded to each of our U. S. Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Respectfully submitted,

S. B. COOPER,
J. WILKINS COOCH,

On part of the Senate,

JOHN PILLING,
C. H. REGISTER,
PHILIP C. MATTHEWS,

On part of the House.

On motion of Mr. Pilling,

The report was accepted.

And, on his further motion,

The Senate joint resolution entitled,

“Joint resolution in relation to the Reagan Inter-State Commerce bill,”

Was

Concurred in.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof and the joint resolution returned to that body.

Mr. Matthews presented a petition in favor of the passage of the Wilmington and Western Railroad bill,

Which,

On his motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. Eastburn presented a petition in favor of the passage of the Wilmington and Western Railroad bill,

Which,

On his motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. Cahall presented a petition in favor of the passage of the Wilmington and Western Railroad bill,

Which,

On his motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. T. N. Williams presented sundry petitions in favor of the passage of the Wilmington and Western Railroad bill,

Which,

On his motion,

Were referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. Van Burkalow presented a petition in favor of the passage of the Wilmington and Western Railroad bill,

Which,

On his motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. Register presented a petition in favor of the passage of the Wilmington and Western Railroad bill,

Which,

On his motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. T. N. Williams presented a petition in favor of the passage of a Local Option law,

Which,

On his motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Intemperance.

The Speaker presented a communication from the Chancellor,

Which,

On motion of Mr. Robinson,

Was read,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to a special committee of three, to report by bill or otherwise,

Whereupon

Messrs. Robinson, Bradford and Moore were appointed said committee.

Mr. Bradford presented a petition in favor of the passage of the Wilmington and Western Railroad bill,

Which,

On his motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. Pilling presented a petition in favor of the passage of the Wilmington and Western Railroad bill,

Which,

On his motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Graham,

The Senate bill entitled,

“An act to amend the act entitled, ‘An act to reincorporate the Town of Dover,’ passed at Dover, February 27, 1879,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Swayne,

The bill entitled,

“A further supplement to an act entitled, ‘An act to incorporate a company for making a turnpike road from the borough of Wilmington to the line between this State and Pennsylvania at or near the house now occupied by Charles Twaddle,’ passed at Dover, January 21st, 1811,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Tomlinson,

The bill entitled,

"An act for the Preservation of the Public Health,"

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Tomlinson moved

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

Which motion

Prevailed.

Sections 1 and 2 having been read and adopted,

On motion of Mr. Robinson,

The vote by which Sections 1 and 2 were adopted was reconsidered,

And, on his further motion,

The bill was recommitted.

Mr. T. N. Williams presented a petition concerning temperance,

Which,

On his motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Mr. Bradford, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and,

On motion of Mr. Graham,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act authorizing the Superior Court to deposit or invest money paid into said Court,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Bradford,

Was read.

Mr. Bradford, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and,

On motion of Mr. Townsend,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to amend Chapter III of Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware, entitled 'Of Execution,'"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Bradford,

Was read.

Mr. Townsend presented a petition for the passage of a Local Option law,

Which,

On his motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Mr. Graham, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and,

On motion of Mr. Townsend,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act in relation to Weights and Measures,”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Graham,

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Bradford,

The bill entitled,

“An act to incorporate the Penn Loan Association, No. 2, of Wilmington,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. Stayton presented the petition of Miles Messick and others, asking for a new public road in Nanticoke hundred,

Which,

On motion of Mr. Stayton,

Was read,

And, on his further motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. Swayne, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and,

On motion of Mr. Eliason,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act prohibiting live stock running at large in School District No. 24, No. 23, No. 75 and No. 19, New Castle county,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Swayne,

Was read.

Mr. Bradford presented a petition in favor of the passage of the Wilmington and Western Railroad bill,

Which,

On his motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. Van Burkalow presented a petition concerning intemperance,

Which,

On his motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Intemperance.

Mr. Tomlinson, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and,

On motion of Mr. Townsend,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to promote the cause of education in Delaware by the establishment of a Normal School for the Education and Training of Teachers for the Free Schools of the State,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Tomlinson,

Was read.

Mr. Van Burkalow, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and,

On motion of Mr. Robinson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to repeal Sections 15 and 16 of Chapter 55 of the Revised Statutes of this State,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Van Burkalow,

Was read.

Mr. Robinson presented a petition in favor of the passage of the Delaware and Western Railroad bill,

Which,

On his motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. Swayne presented a memorial and petition in favor of the education of colored people,

Which,

On his motion, were read,

And, on his further motion,

Were referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Bradford presented a petition in favor of the passage of the Delaware and Western Railroad bill,

Which,

On his motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. T. N. Williams, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, and,

On motion of Mr. Robinson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to extend an act entitled, ‘An act to incorporate Triple Link Lodge, No. 31, I. O. O. F., of Frederica, State of Delaware,’”

Which,

On motion of Mr. T. N. Williams,

Was read.

Mr. Tomlinson presented the petition of William Vent and others, asking for a public road in Sussex county,

Which,

On motion of Mr. Tomlinson,

Was read,

And, on his further motion,