

Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in the city of Wilmington ;”

Also, a bill entitled,

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

Also, a bill entitled,

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

Also, a bill entitled,

“A further supplement to the act entitled ‘An act to regulate the building of wharves in the city of Wilmington,’ passed at Dover, February 6, 1855.”

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

And, on motion of Mr. Robinson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to consolidate School Districts Nos. 20, 21 and 59, in Kent County,”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Wright, was read.

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

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

On motion of Mr. Messick, the bill entitled,

“A supplement to the act entitled ‘an act in relation to Free Schools in this State, passed at Dover March 25, 1875,’”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Education.

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

“An act authorizing the Levy Court Commissioners of Sussex

County, of this State, to place snub posts on the bank of Broadkiln Creek, above and below the drawbridge,"

Was read.

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

"An act for the protection of Minors."

Mr. Mustard presented the petition of Thomas B. Coleman and 90 others; Also the petition of John L. Burton and 40 others; Also the petition of E. J. Morris and 32 others, praying the repeal of the stock law, in School District No. 112 in Sussex County.

Also the remonstrance of Edward A. Hitchens and 25 others, against the repeal of the stock law in the same district,

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

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

"An act to revive, re-enact, amend and supplement the act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Black Swamp Ditch Company, passed at Dover, February 10, 1841.'"

On motion of Mr. Morris, the bill entitled,

"An act authorizing the Vestry of Saint John's Protestant Episcopal Church at Greenville in Sussex County to change and straighten a certain public road in Gumboro' Hundred,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

Was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Cochran, the bill entitled,

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

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Roads and Highways.

Mr. Burnite presented the petition of J. S. Burchenal and 21 others, praying the passage of a law appointing commissioners to lay out a public road in North Murderkill and South Murderkill Hundreds, in Kent County,

Which,

On motion of Mr. Burnite, was read,

And referred to the committee on Roads and Highways.

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

“An act to incorporate the Centreville Hall Company,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Mustard, the bill entitled,

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

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,

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

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

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

Nays—None.

The bill having received the constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Wright presented the petition of Sallie J. Wright, praying a divorce from her husband, John R. Wright, from the bonds of matrimony,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And referred to the committee on Divorces.

On motion of Mr. Morris, the bill entitled,

“An act to prohibit live stock from running at large in School District No. 75, and a portion of School District No. 118,”

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

Was read a third time by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

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

And, on motion of Mr. Thompson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to amend Chapter 90 of the Revised Statutes, entitled ‘Of the Sale of Lands by Executors and Administrators,’ ”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Wright, was read.

Mr. Burnite presented the petition of John W. Warren and 30 others, praying the passage of a law authorizing the laying out of a new public road in South Murderkill Hundred, in Kent County,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And referred to the committee on Roads and Highways.

On motion of Mr. Rickards, the bill entitled,

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

And was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Rickards presented the petition of Burton Rickards and 20 others, praying the passage of the bill just read,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

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

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

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

TUESDAY, *February 13*, 1877—10 o'clock, A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

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

“An act for the relief of Amelia S. Carty ;”

“An act to amend and renew the Charter of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of Mill Creek hundred ;”

“Joint resolution to pay William Reynolds four hundred dollars, in full for services as Adjutant-General of the State ;”

“Joint resolution inviting Rev. J. H. Caldwell to preach a sermon before the General Assembly,”

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

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

“A supplement to the act entitled ‘An act to consolidate School Districts Nos. 70, 102, 70½ and 102½, in Sussex County, and for other purposes,’ ”

Reported the same back to the House with an amendment.

Mr. Cochran, on behalf of the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of Wm. R. Allaband, asking a law transferring the farm whereon he now resides from School District No. 21 to 113 and 123½, in Kent County,

Reported a bill entitled,

"An act transferring certain real estate belonging to Richibald Allaband from School District No. 21 to United School Districts Nos. 113 and 113½, in Kent County."

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

Reported the following House bill back to the House:

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

With a recommendation that the bill pass.

Also the Senate bill entitled,

"An act to lay out a private road in Milford hundred, in Kent county,"

Without recommendation.

Also, the House bill entitled,

"An act prohibiting live stock from running at large in School District No. 86, in New Castle county,"

With a recommendation that the bill pass.

Mr. Bird, on behalf of the committee on Divorces, to whom was referred the petition of Lucy S. Babcock for divorce from her husband Grove L. Babcock from the bonds of matrimony,

Reported a bill entitled,

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

Also, on behalf of the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of Susan Walt, for a divorce from her husband George A. Walt,"

Reported a bill entitled,

"An act to divorce Susan Walt and Geo. A. Walt from the bonds of matrimony."

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

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

“An act to amend Section 6 of Chapter 17 of the Revised Statutes of the Laws of Delaware, entitled ‘Of the Election of Assessors and Inspectors;’ ”

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

“An act in relation to the liability of principal and surety;”

With a recommendation that they do pass ;

Also, the following House bill, viz :

“An act in relation to rates of toll in Kent County,”

With a recommendation that the bill does not pass.

Also, the following Senate bill, viz :

“An act entitled ‘An act to make it obligatory that the Treasurer each county shall make public by report the amount of monies collected and disbursed and for other purposes,’ ”

With a recommendation that the bill does not pass.

Mr. Thompson presented the petition of Jesse J. Wells and 187 others, praying the passage of a law changing the boundary of Gumboro Hundred, Sussex county,

Also, the remonstrance of Marshall Smith and 33 others, against any change in the boundary of said hundred,

Which, on his motion, were read,

And referred to a special committee,

Whereupon,

Messrs. Thompson, Brown and Nicholson were appointed said committee.

The Speaker presented the petition of Nathaniel J. Elliot and 187 others, praying the repeal of all stock laws in Little Creek Hundred, in Sussex County,

Which was read and referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Cochran, the bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Odessa Hall Company,"

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Cochran moved, that the Senate amendment be read,

Which motion

Prevailed.

And the Senate amendment was read as follows :

Amend Section 7, by striking out all of the same and inserting in lieu thereof, the following :

"That this act shall be taken and deemed a private act,"

And, upon his further motion,

The Senate amendment was

Concurred in.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

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

"An act to amend an act to prohibit live stock from running at large in School District, No. 105, Sussex county,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

Was

Indefinitely Postponed.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

On motion of Mr. Mustard, the bill entitled,

"An act to repeal Chapter 79, Current Volume, Delaware Laws, entitled, 'An act prohibiting live stock from running at large in District No. 112, in Sussex county, Delaware,' passed at Dover, March 4, 1875,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Cochran, the bill entitled,

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

Was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

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

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

Also, a bill entitled,

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

On motion of Mr. Brown, the bill entitled,

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

Was taken up for consideration.

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

Which motion *Prevailed.*

Mr. Brown moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was ordered to be read a third time,

Which motion *Prevailed,*

And, upon his further motion,

The bill was re-committed to the committee on Roads and Highways.

On motion of Mr. Hall, the bill entitled,

“An act to incorporate the Diamond State Shoe and Leather Company,”

Was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion,

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

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

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Brown, Cochran, Hall, Hol-

comb, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Nicholson, Rickards, Robinson, Slaughter, Taylor, Thompson, Ware and Mr. Speaker—17.

Nays—None.

The bill having received the constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Taylor, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had adopted the following Joint Resolution, viz :

“Joint Resolution directing the State Treasurer to re-invest certain monies for the benefit of the School Fund,”

And requested the concurrence of the House.

Mr. Holcomb presented the claim of James M. Johns,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And referred to the committee on Claims.

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

And, on motion of Mr. Thompson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act in relation to Insurance Companies,”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Burnite, was read,

And, upon his further motion, 300 copies were ordered to be printed for the use of the House.

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

“An act re-incorporating the town of Dover.”

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

And, on motion of Mr. Robinson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“A further supplement to the act entitled, ‘An act to regulate the building of wharves in the City of Wilmington, passed at Dover, February 6, 1855.’”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Ware, was read.

Mr. Taylor, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had concurred in the following House bill with an amendment :

“An act to amend Chapter 384, Volume 14, Laws of Delaware,”
And returned the same to the House.

Mr. Wright presented sundry petitions, praying a law consolidating School Districts Nos. 20, 21 and 59 in Kent County,

Which, on his motion were filed with the bill.

On motion of Mr. Morris, the bill entitled,

“An act to prevent certain live stock from running at large in School District No. 50, in New Castle County,”

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

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

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

Mr. Holcomb called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Brown, Burnite, Cochran, Mustard, Slaughter and Taylor—6.

Nays—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Holcomb, Messick, Morris, Nicholson, Rickards, Robinson, Thompson, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker—12.

The question being decided in the negative,

The bill was

Lost.

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

“An act to repeal Chapter 173, and Chapter 174, of the 15th Volume of the Laws of the State of Delaware.”

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

And, on motion of Mr. Morris,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

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

Which,

On motion of Mr. Cochran, was read.

Mr. Wright moved, the House do now adjourn,

Which motion was

Lost.

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

And, on motion of Mr. Robinson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to incorporate the Board of City Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the city of Wilmington,”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Ware was read.

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

SAME DAY—3 o'clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

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

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

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

And, on motion of Mr. Robinson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to amend Chapter 34 of the Revised Statutes, concerning Constables,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Ware, was read.

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

And, on motion of Mr. Thompson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

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

Which,

On motion of Mr. Ware, was read.

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

"An act to repeal Chapter 445, Volume 14, Delaware Laws,"

And presented the same to the House.

Mr. Ware presented the claim of William W. Pritchett,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And referred to the committee on Claims.

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

"An act for the regulation of the Trustees of the Poor."

Mr. Ware presented the petition of John Percy Robinett, praying a divorce from his wife, C. J. Leila Robinett,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And referred to the committee on Divorces.

On motion of Mr. Wright, the bill entitled,

"An act to consolidate School Districts, Nos. 20, 21 and 59, in Kent county.

Was read a second time by its title,
And referred to the committee on Education.

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

"An act for the relief of married women and children."

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

"An act to amend Chapter 55, of the Revised Code of Delaware Laws,"

Was read a second time by its title,
And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

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

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

Was read a second time by its title,
And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

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

"A further supplement to the act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Pokomoke River Improvement Company,' passed at Dover, March 22, 1867,"

Was taken up for consideration,
And, upon his further motion,

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

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

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

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

Nays—Messrs. Hall, Mustard and Nicholson—3.

The bill, having received the constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Robinson presented the petition of S. H. Warrington and 33 others, praying a modification of the law regulating the sale of intoxicating liquors,

Which, on his motion was read,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

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

And, on motion of Mr. Robinson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

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

Which,

On motion of Mr. Ware, was read.

On motion of Mr. Cochran, the bill entitled,

“A supplement to the act entitled ‘An act to consolidate School Districts Nos. 70, 102, 70½ and 102½, in Sussex county,’”

Was taken up for consideration.

On motion of Mr. Cochran,

The amendment reported from the committee on Education,

Was read,

And, upon his further motion,

Was

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Cochran,

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

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

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Brown, Burnite, Cochran, Hall, Holcomb, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Nicholson, Rickards, Robinson, Saulsbury, Slaughter, Taylor, Thompson, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker—20.

Nays—None.

The bill, having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Brown presented the remonstrance of David D. Marvel and others; also, the remonstrance of Isaac S. Pratt and others, against the consolidation of School Districts Nos. 20, 21 and 59, in Kent County,

Which, on his motion, were filed with the bill.

On motion of Mr. Brown, the bill entitled,

"An act transferring certain real estate belonging to Richbell Allaband from School District No. 21 to United School District Nos. 113 and 113½, in Kent County,"

Was read.

Mr. Burnite, on behalf of the special committee, to whom was referred the House Joint Resolution in relation to the Farmers' Bank of the State of Delaware, and the amendments,

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

On motion of Mr. Burnite,

The amendment to the Senate amendment was read as follows:

And the Senate amendment by inserting between the word "thereof," in the fourth line, and the word "be," in the fifth line, the following words, to wit: "The Bank of Smyrna, the Union National Bank of Wilmington, and the National Bank of Delaware;" further amend by striking out the words "including three of their directors," in the sixth and seventh lines.

And, upon his further motion,

Was

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb,

The Senate amendment as amended was

Concurred in.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

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

“An act to amend Chapter 48, Volume 15, Laws of Delaware, entitled ‘An act to tax colored persons for the support of their own Schools.’”

Mr. Wright, on behalf of the committee on Revised Statutes, to whom was referred sundry petitions for the repeal of Stock Laws, reported adversely to the prayers of the following petitions:

The petition of D. W. Ralph and others, for the repeal of the stock law in School District 168 in Sussex County ;

David Barr and others, for District No. 94 in Sussex County ;

John T. Carey and others, for District No. 154, in Sussex County ;

Minos T. Conoway and others, Districts Nos. 44 and 150, in Sussex County ;

Henry Spence and others, for District No. 168, in Sussex County ;

John W. Baker and others, for Broad Creek Hundred, in Sussex County ;

Elias Taylor and others, for Broad Creek Hundred, in Sussex County.

On motion of Mr. Cochran, the bill entitled,

“An act prohibiting live stock from running at large in School District No. 86, in New Castle County,

Was read a third time by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

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

And, on motion of Mr. Morris,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act for the protection of Minors,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Wright, was read.

The bill entitled,

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

Being the special order for the day,

The Speaker announced that the bill was now before the House.

On motion of Mr. Bird, the bill was postponed until to-morrow.

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

Which motion was

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Bird, the bill entitled,

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

Was read.

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

WEDNESDAY, *February* 14, 1877—10 o'clock, A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

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

"An act to incorporate the Odessa Hall Company;"

"An act to incorporate the Saint John's Reformed Church, of Wyoming, Kent county, Delaware;"

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

Mr. Bird, on behalf of the committee on Divorces,

Reported adversely to the petition of Emma Messick, for a divorce from her husband, James H. Messick, from the bonds of matrimony.

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

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

“An act to repeal Chapter 419, Volume 14, Delaware Laws.”

With a recommendation that the bill pass ;

Also, the following House bill, viz :

“An act to amend Chapter 110, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware,”

Without recommendation ;

Also the following House bill, viz :

“An act to amend Chapter 89 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware,”

With a recommendation that the bill does not pass.

On motion of Mr. Robinson the Senate bill entitled,

“An act entitled ‘An act to repeal Chapter 445, Volume 14, Delaware Laws,’ ”

Was read.

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

“An act to incorporate the Board of Education of the Dover Public Schools,”

Reported the same back to the House.

Mr. Burnite moved,

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

Which motion

Prevailed.

Mr. Burnite offered sundry amendments,

Which, on his motion, were read.

On motion of Mr. Burnite,

The bill was recommitted to the committee on Corporations, with the amendments.

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

And, on motion of Mr. Robinson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act for the relief of married women and children,”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Ware, was read.

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

And, on motion of Mr. Morris,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act for the regulation of the Trustees of the Poor,”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Brown, was read.

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

And, on motion of Mr. Burnite,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

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

Mr. Ware presented the petition of M. M. Child and 170 others, praying the repeal of the law creating the Board of Revision of the city of Wilmington,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

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

And, on motion of Mr. Robinson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

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

Which,

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, was read.

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

"An act to amend Chapter 83 of the Revised Statutes ;"

Also, a bill entitled,

"An act to amend Chapter 190, Volume 15, Laws of Delaware."

Mr. Cochran offered a resolution,

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

Resolved, That the members of this House shall receive, as full compensation for their services at this term, one dollar and fifty cents each per diem and ten dollars mileage each, and that the Speaker shall receive three dollars per diem and the same mileage as members.

Mr. Burnite moved,

That the resolution be referred to the committee of the Whole.

Mr. Martin, Speaker, (Mr. Holcomb in the Chair), moved that the resolution be committed to the committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Hall moved to lay the motion to commit the resolution, on the table,

Which motion *Prevailed.*

Mr. Hall moved to lay the resolution and accompanying papers, on the table,

Which motion was *Lost.*

Mr. Burnite sent to the Clerk's table, a paper,

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

"Strike out all after the word each."

Mr. Morris sent to the Clerk's table a paper,

Which, on his motion, was read as follows :

Amend the resolution by adding the following : "that we will vote to reduce the salaries of all officers of this State one-half."

Mr. Robinson sent to the Clerk's table a paper,
Which, on his motion, was read, as follows:

Resolved, That we will not receive any compensation for any service, as we have not been any service to the State.

Mr. Wright sent to the Clerk's table a paper,
Which, on his motion was read as follows:

Amend the resolution by adding, "and the fees and salaries of all officers, State and county, shall be reduced in the same ratio."

Mr. Cochran moved the adoption of the resolution,
And, upon the question, "Shall the resolution be adopted?"

Mr. Cochran called for the yeas and nays,
Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Cochran, Ware and Mr. Speaker—5.

Nays—Messrs. Brown, Burnite, Hall, Holcomb, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Nicholson, Rickards, Robinson, Saulsbury, Slaughter, Taylor, Thompson and Wright—15.

The question being decided in the negative,

The resolution was *Lost.*

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

"An act for the appointment of an additional Notary Public for Gumborough Hundred in Sussex County."

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the bill entitled,

"An act to render parties to the record or interested in suits, competent to testify in civil actions,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion,

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

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

Mr. Burnite called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Brown, Cochran, Holcomb, Rickards, Robinson, Taylor, Thompson, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker—12.

Nays—Messrs. Burnite, Hall, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Nicholson, Saulsbury and Slaughter—8.

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Ware, the bill entitled,

“A further supplement to the act entitled, ‘An act to regulate the building of wharves in the City of Wilmington, passed at Dover, February 6, 1855,’”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Ware, the bill entitled,

“An act to incorporate the Board of City Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the city of Wilmington,”

Was read a second time, by its title,

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Ware, the bill entitled,

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

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

And, upon his further motion, the bill entitled,

“An act to incorporate the Benedictine Order of the Sacred Heart, of Wilmington, Delaware,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

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

"An act to prevent certain live stock from running at large in School District No. 50, in New Castle County,"

Was lost, was reconsidered.

On motion of Mr. Cochran, the bill entitled,

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

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

The bill entitled,

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

Being the special order for to-day,

The Speaker announced that the bill was now before the House.

Mr. Holcomb moved,

That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until Wednesday next, the 21st inst.,

Which motion was *Lost.*

Mr. Bird moved,

To postpone the further consideration of the bill until to-morrow afternoon,

Which motion *Prevailed.*

Mr. Wright presented the remonstrance of Robert B. Jump, and others, and the remonstrance of J. C. Foraker, and others, against incorporating the Board of Education, of the Public Schools, Dover,

Which were filed with the bill.

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

SAME DAY—3 o'clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Brown, the vote by which the bill entitled,
 "An act to amend Chapter 55 of the Revised Code,"

Passed the House, was reconsidered.

And, upon his further motion,

The bill was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Brown offered sundry amendments,

Which, on his motion, were read,

And, upon his further motion,

Were *Adopted.*

And upon his further motion,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And *Passed the House.*

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

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

"An act to create an additional School District in Sussex county ;"

"An act prohibiting live stock from running at large in the southern portion of School District No. 44, lying and being on the south side of Christiana Creek, in New Castle hundred, in New Castle county ;"

"An act to amend Chapter 111, of the Revised Code, in relation to sale of lands and tenements under execution process ;"

"A further supplement to the act entitled, 'An act to incorporate the Masonic Hall Company, of Wilmington, Delaware ;'"

"An act in relation to the Trustees of the Poor for North Murderkill, South Murderkill and Kenton hundreds, in Kent county ;"

"An act to amend Section 7, Chapter 4, of the Current Volume of Delaware Laws, passed at Dover 1875 ;"

"An act entitled a further additional supplement to the act entitled 'An act to incorporate a company for the purpose of cutting and making a canal between the Chesapeake Bay and Bay or River Delaware, or the waters thereof ;' "

"An act for the relief of Amelia S. Carty ;"

"An act to amend and renew the Charter of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of Mill Creek hundred ;"

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

"An act to provide for the annual payment, by the county of Sussex, of a sum equivalent to the interest on the loan of \$5,000 to said county, now deducted by the State Treasurer from said county's proportion of income from school fund ;"

"An act to divide Dover Hundred, in Kent County, into two hundreds, to be called respectively East Dover Hundred and West Dover Hundred ;"

"Joint resolution inviting Rev. J. H. Caldwell to preach a sermon before the General Assembly ;"

"Joint resolution to pay William Reynolds four hundred dollars, in full for services as Adjutant-General of the State,"

And returned the same to the House.

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

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

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

"An act to amend the act entitled 'An act relating to School Districts Nos. 60 and 94, in New Castle county,' passed at Dover, January 29, 1877,"

And returned the same to the House ;

Also, that the following enrolled Senate bills had been found duly

and correctly enrolled, and had received the signature of the Speaker of the Senate, viz :

“An act to repeal Chapter 64, Volume 4, Delaware Statutes, incorporating the Wilmington Turnpike Company;”

“An act to consolidate School Districts Nos. 6 and 95, in Kent County,”

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

Mr. Robinson moved to reconsider the vote by which the Senate amendment to the House Joint Resolution in relation to the Farmers' Bank of the State of Delaware, with an amendment, was concurred in,

And, upon the question, “Shall the vote be reconsidered?”

Mr. Robinson called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Brown, Cochran, Hall, Nicholson, Robinson, Saulsbury, Slaughter, Thompson, Ware and Mr. Speaker—12.

Nays—Messrs. Burnite, Holcomb, Messick, Taylor and Wright—5.

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the vote was

Reconsidered.

And, upon his further motion,

The resolution and amendments were referred to a special committee of five,

Whereupon,

Messrs. Robinson, Thompson, Brown, Cochran and Hall were appointed said committee.

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

“An act to amend Chapter 384, Volume 14, Laws of Delaware.”

On motion of Mr. Holcomb,

The request of the Senate was granted, and the bill returned to that body.

Mr. Ware, on behalf of the committee on Corporations, to whom was referred sundry bills,

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

“An act to incorporate the Seaford Fire Insurance Company,”

With an amendment ;

“An act to incorporate the Immaculate Conception Beneficial Society of Wilmington, Delaware,”

With an amendment ;

“An act to incorporate the Board of Education of the Dover Public Schools,”

With an amendment ;

Also, the following Senate bill, viz :

“An act concerning the sale of Railroads,”

With a recommendation that the bill does not pass ;

Also, the Senate bill entitled,

“An act to incorporate the Centreville Hall Company,”

With a recommendation that the bill pass.

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

And, on motion of Mr. Morris,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

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

Which,

On motion of Mr. Burnite, was read,

And, on his further motion, 200 copies were ordered to be printed for the use of the House.

Mr. Holcomb offered the following Joint Resolution, viz :

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

Which, on his motion, was read,

And

Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Ware, the bill entitled, *W. M. C. B. S.*

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

Was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion,

The amendment reported from the committee was read.

Mr. Messick moved the adoption of the amendment,

Which motion was *Lost.*

On motion of Mr. Ware,

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

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

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Brown, Burnite, Cochran, Hall, Holcomb, Morris, Mustard, Nicholson, Robinson, Saulsbury, Taylor, Thompson, Ware and Mr. Speaker—15.

Nays—Messrs. Bird, Messick, Slaughter and Wright—4.

The bill having received the constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

The Speaker presented a communication from the Board of Education of the City of Wilmington,

Which was read and referred to the committee on Education.

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

And, on motion of Mr. Robinson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

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

Which,

On motion of Mr. Wright, was read.

On motion of Mr. Ware, the bill entitled,

"An act to amend Chapter 34 of the Revised Statutes, concerning Constables,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

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

And, on motion of Mr. Thompson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

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

On motion of Mr. Brown, the bill entitled,

"An act transferring certain real estate belonging to Richbell Al-
laband from School District No. 21 to United School Districts Nos.
113 and 113½, in Kent County,"

Was read a second time by its title.

Mr. Taylor, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, returned to the
House, the House bill entitled,

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

With an amendment;

And requested the concurrence of the House in the amendment.

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

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act for stopping St. George's
Creek, and for embanking and draining a quantity of marsh and
cripple on both sides of the said creek, being deemed about three
thousand acres, situated in St. George's and Red Lion Hundreds,
and county of New Castle, and for keeping the dykes, sluices and
drains belonging to the same in good order and repair.'"

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

"A further supplement to the act entitled 'An act establishing a
college for Agricultural and Mechanic Arts in this State,'"

Was taken up for consideration,

On motion of Mr. Holcomb,

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

Mr. Hall sent the following papers to the Clerk's table, which were read :

On page three and in line three, strike out all after "of" and before "for," on the same page and in line four, and insert "indebtedness payable in twenty years."

Amend Section 3, on page six, by striking out all after the words "consist of," and insert "two members of the Senate and three of the House, to be appointed by the Speakers thereof for that purpose."

Which were read.

Mr. Robinson moved to re-commit the bill and amendments offered, to the committee on Ways and Means,

Which motion

Prevailed.

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

THURSDAY, *February 15*, 1877—10 o'clock, A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Morris, on behalf of the committee on Roads and Highways, o whom was referred the bill entitled,

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

Without amendment.

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

Reported the following bill back to the House :

“An act to repeal Chapter 79, Current Volume, Delaware Laws, entitled, ‘An act prohibiting live stock from running at large in District No. 112, in Sussex county, Delaware,’ passed at Dover, March 4, 1875,”

With a recommendation that the bill does not pass ;

Also,

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

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

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

With an amendment, with a recommendation that they do pass.

Also, the following Senate bills, viz :

“An act for the relief of John T. M. Cardeza, *et al.* ;

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

With a recommendation that they do pass.

Mr. Thompson, on behalf of the Special Committee, to whom was referred the petition of Jesse T. Wells and others, praying a change of the boundary of Gumborough Hundred, in Sussex County, reported adversely to the prayer of the petitioners, and asked that the committee be discharged.

On motion of Mr. Robinson,

The report was accepted, and the committee discharged.

Mr. Wright presented the petition of Thomas L. Cannon and 44 others, praying a modification in the law regulating the sale of liquor in this State ;

Which, on his motion, was read,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Mustard presented the remonstrance of David Hall and 32 others, against the repeal of the law authorizing the Levy Court of Sussex County to pay to the Town Commissioners of Lewes, \$600.

Which, on his motion, was read,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

The Speaker presented the petition of Warren Kinder and 24 others, praying a law preventing live stock from running at large in School District No. 73½ in Sussex County.

Which was referred to the committee on Roads and Highways.

Mr. Robinson presented the petition of Edwin Bohm and 172 others, praying the passage of a law prohibiting the setting gill-nets in Indian River or Rehoboth Bay,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Ware presented the petition of Wm. H. Corse and 585 others, praying the passage of a law for the benefit of married women and children,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Cochran, the bill entitled,

“An act to amend Chapter 384, Volume 14, Laws of Delaware,”

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Burnite moved that the Senate amendment be read,

Which motion

Prevailed.

And the Senate amendment was read, as follows:

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Amend the amendment at the end of Section two (2) and after the word “therein,” as follows: “And shall the said certificate so certified to shall be approved by the Superior Court in and for New Castle county, and the Levy Court shall ascertain from the persons thus appointed, before entering on their duty, the charges for such service, and if they cannot agree, to make another or other appointments.”

For concurrence.

Extract from Journal.

MERRIS TAYLOR,

Clerk of Senate.

And, upon his further motion,

Was

Concurred in.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

On motion of Mr. Hall, the bill entitled,

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

Was read.

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

And, on motion of Mr. Burnite,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act for stopping St. George's Creek, and for embanking and draining a quantity of marsh and cripple on both sides of said creek, being deemed about three thousand aeres, situate in St. George's and Red Lion Hundreds, and county of New Castle, and for keeping the dykes, sluices and drains belonging to the same in good order and repair,' "

Which,

On motion of Mr. Bird, was read.

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

"An act in relation to the salary of the State Treasurer."

Mr. Burnite asked,

And, on motion of Mr. Thompson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

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

Which,

On motion of Mr. Burnite, was read,

And, upon his further motion,

Was substituted for a bill introduced by him yesterday, under the same title.

On motion of Mr. Ware, the bill entitled,

“An act for the relief of Married Women and Children,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Wright, the bill entitled,

“An act to incorporate the Board of Education of Dover Public Schools,”

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Holcomb moved,

That the amendment reported from the committee, be read,

Which motion

Prevailed.

And, upon his further motion,

Was

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Wright,

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

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

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

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

Nays—None.

The bill having received the constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

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

And, on motion of Mr. Thompson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to revive, re-enact, amend and supplement the act entitled

‘An act to incorporate the Black Swamp Ditch Company, passed at Dover, February 10, 1841,’”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Burnite was read.

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

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

Was read.

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

And, on motion of Mr. Morris,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to amend Chapter 83 of the Revised Code,”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, was read.

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

And, on motion of Mr. Thompson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to amend Chapter 190, Volume 15, Laws of Delaware,”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, was read.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the bill entitled,

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

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

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

“An act entitled ‘An act to repeal Chapter 445, Volume 14, Delaware Laws,’”

Was read a second time by its title;

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Brown, the bill entitled,

“An act in relation to rates of toll in Kent county,”

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

Was read a third time by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

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

“An act to incorporate the Wilmington Club in the city of Wilmington, Delaware.”

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the bill entitled,

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

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Wright, the bill entitled,

“An act re-incorporating the Town of Dover,”

Was read a second time, by its title,

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

Mr. Morris moved that the House do now adjourn,

Which motion was

Lost.

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

“An act to incorporate the Centreville Hall Company,

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Robinson moved that the House do now adjourn,

Which motion was

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Bartholomew,

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

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

The yeas and nays, were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Burnite, Cochran, Holcomb, Mustard, Nicholson, Saulsbury, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker—10.

Nays—Messrs. Bartholomew, Brown, Messick, Morris, Rickards, Robinson, Slaughter and Thompson—8.

The bill not having received the constitutional majority,

Was

Lost.

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

SAME DAY—3 o'clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Robinson moved, that the vote by which the bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Centreville Hall Company,"

Was lost, be reconsidered,

Which motion

Prevailed.

The question then being upon the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Brown, Burnite, Cochran, Hall, Holcomb, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Nicholson, Rickards, Robinson, Saulsbury, Slaughter, Thompson, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker—19.

Nays—None.

The bill having received the constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

The Speaker announced that the bill entitled,

“An act to divorce Augustus N. Southard and Ella D. Southard, from the bonds of matrimony,”

Having been made the special order for this afternoon, was now before the House.

On motion of Mr. Bird,

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

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

Mr. Morris called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Burnite, Cochran, Hall, Holcomb, Messick, Nicholson, Rickards, Robinson, Saulsbury, Thompson and Wright—13.

Nays—Messrs. Brown, Morris, Mustard, Ware, and Mr. Speaker—5.

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

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

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

Also,

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

Also,

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

Mr. Burnite presented the petition of William Townsend, and 277 others, praying the passage of a local option law.

Mr. Bird presented the petition of T. B. Hunter, and 70 others, on the same subject.

Mr. Nicholson presented the petition of Charles F. Sheppard, and 81 others, on the same subject.

Mr. Cochran presented the petition of G. W. W. Naudain, and 302 others, on the same subject.

Mr. Hall presented the petition of Charles R. Boynton, and 109 others, on the same subject.

Mr. Mustard presented the petition of George Chambers, and 334 others, on the same subject,

Which were read,

And referred to a special committee of five,

Whereupon,

Messrs. Nicholson, Ware, Brown, Messick and Mustard, were appointed said committee.

Mr. Bird presented the petition of James W. Murphy, and 39 others, praying modification of the law regulating the sale of liquor in this State,

Which was read,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

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

“An act concerning the sale of Railroads,”

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Wright offered sundry amendments,

Which were read.

On motion of Mr. Wright,

The bill with the amendments was re-committed to the committee on Corporations.

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

“An act to repeal Section 14, Chapter 390, Volume 13, of the Laws of the State, and for other purposes.”

On motion of Mr. Rickards, the bill entitled,

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

Was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion,

Was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Ware presented the petition of John O'Byrne and 60 others, in relation to the Practical Farmer Inn,

Which, on his motion was read,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Wright offered a resolution, which was read, as follows:

Resolved, That 100 copies of the bill concerning the sale of Railroads as amended, be printed for the use of the House.

Mr. Wright moved the adoption of the resolution.

Mr. Holcomb offered an amendment,

Which, was read, as follows:

Amend the resolution so that it will require the printing of 100 copies of the proposed amendments to the act concerning Railroads.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the amendment was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the resolution as amended was adopted.

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

“An act establishing a Normal Department in Delaware College.”

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

“An act for the relief of John T. M. Cardeza, *et al*,”

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

Was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, the bill entitled,

“An act to repeal an act entitled, ‘An act to exempt from execution process, certain articles of personal property,’”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Messick sent to the Clerk's table, an amendment,

Which, on his motion, was read, and referred to the same committee.

Mr. Thompson presented the petition of G. J. Daughten, and 64 others, praying the repeal of the law exempting certain articles of personal property from execution process;

Also, the petition of Thomas W. Ralph, and 49 others, on the same subject;

Also, the petition of Levin Hastings, and 23 others, on the same subject;

Also, the petition of George A. Calhoun, and 194 others, on the same subject.

Mr. Messick presented the petition of T. W. Wellin, and 26 others, on the same subject.

Mr. Messick presented the remonstrance of William C. Robinson, and others, against the repeal of the exemption law.

Mr. Thompson presented the remonstrance of J. W. Philips, and 26 others, on the same subject;

Also, the remonstrance of Hosea Dawson, and 92 others, on the same subject,

Which were read and referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Cochran presented the claim of Edward Reynolds against the State,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And referred to the committee on Claims.

On motion of Mr. Brown, the bill entitled,
 "An act for the regulation of the Trustees of the Poor,"
 Was read a second time by its title,
 And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Robinson, the bill entitled,
 "An act to amend Section 2 of Chapter 83, Volume 15, Delaware
 Laws,"

Was read a second time by its title,
 And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Wright, in pursuance of previous notice, asked,
 And, on motion of Mr. Brown,
 Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,
 "An act to repeal Chapters 173 and 174 of the 15th Volume of the
 Laws of the State of Delaware,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Wright, was read.

Mr. Rickards moved,

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

Which motion

Prevailed.

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

"An act to prevent stock from running at large in School District
 No. 96, in New Castle County."

On motion of Mr. Burnite, the bill entitled,

"An act to amend Section 6 of Chapter 17 of the Revised Statutes
 of the Laws of Delaware, entitled 'Of the Election of Assessors and
 Inspectors,'"

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

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

And, upon the question, "Shall that be the enacting clause of the bill?"

Mr. Holcomb called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Brown, Nicholson, Robinson, Slaughter, Thompson, Wright and Mr. Speaker—8.

Nays—Messrs. Burnite, Cochran, Hall, Holcomb, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Rickards, Saulsbury, and Ware—10.

The question was decided in the negative,

And the enacting clause was lost,

And the bill was

Lost.

Mr. Burnite first voted yea and changed his vote to nay.

On motion of Mr. Brown, the bill entitled,

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

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,

And, upon the question, "Shall that be the enacting clause of the bill?"

Mr. Holcomb called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Brown, Cochran, Morris, Mustard, Nicholson, Rickards, Saulsbury, Slaughter, Ware and Wright—10.

Nays—Messrs. Bird, Burnite, Hall, Holcomb, Messick, Robinson, Thompson, and Mr. Speaker—8.

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the enacting clause was

Adopted.

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

Mr. Bird called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Brown, Cochran, Morris, Mustard, Nicholson, Rickards, Saulsbury, Slaughter, Ware and Wright—10.

Nays—Messrs. Bird, Burnite, Hall, Holcomb, Messick, Robinson, Taylor and Mr. Speaker—8.

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Robinson offered a joint resolution compensating John R. McFee, Chancellor *ad litem*,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And referred to the committee on Claims.

Mr. Cochran presented the claim of the Delawarean against the State,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And referred to the committee on Claims.

Mr. Hall presented the claim of Nathan Pratt, Auditor of Accounts, against the State,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And referred to the committee on Claims.

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

FRIDAY, *February 16, 1877*—9 o'clock, A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. Ware, on behalf of the committee on Corporations, to whom was referred sundry bills,

Reported the following bills back to the House, viz :

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

Without amendment ;

“An act to incorporate the Benedictine Order of the Sacred Heart, of Wilmington, Delaware,”

Without amendment ;

“An act to incorporate the Board of City Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the city of Wilmington,”

Without amendment, with a recommendation that they do pass.

Mr. Hall presented the petition of James S. Hudson and 42 others, praying the passage of a law preventing stock from running at large in Milford Hundred, in Kent County,

Which, on his motion, was referred to the committee on Roads and Highways.

The Speaker presented the remonstrance of A. J. Horsey against the repeal of stock laws in Little Creek Hundred, in Sussex County,

Which was referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Cochran, the bill entitled,

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

and Frenchtown Turnpike and Railroad Company into the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad Company,"

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Holcomb moved to postpone the reading of the bill a third time, by paragraphs, until Tuesday next;

Which motion *Prevailed,*

And the bill was postponed until Tuesday next.

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

And, on motion of Mr. Robinson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the purchasers of the Wilmington and Western Railroad,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, was read.

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

And, on motion of Mr. Mustard,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

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

Which,

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, was read.

Mr. Morris offered

A Joint Resolution in relation to new business after Monday the 26th instant,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And, upon his further motion,

Was *Adopted.*

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

"A supplement to an act to incorporate the Peninsular Agricultural and Pomological Association ;"

"An act in relation to the Assessors and Road Commissioners of St. George's hundred, in New Castle county ;"

"An act authorizing the Vestry of Saint John's Protestant Episcopal Church at Greenville, in Sussex County, to change and straighten a certain public road in Gumboro' hundred ;"

"An act to prohibit live stock from running at large in School District No 75, and a portion of School District No. 118 ;"

"An act to incorporate the Diamond State Shoe and Leather Company ;"

"An act prohibiting live stock from running at large in School District No. 86, in New Castle county, Delaware ;"

And returned the same to the House.

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

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

"An act to authorize the laying out of a Public Road in Milford Hundred, Kent county, State of Delaware ;"

"An act to authorize the Levy Court and Court of Appeal in Kent County to change the drawbridge over Little Duck Creek, called Martin's Bridge into a permanent bridge,"

And presented the same to the House.

Also, returned to the House the following House bills which had been found duly and correctly enrolled, viz :

"An act to incorporate the Odessa Hall Company ;"

"An act to incorporate the Saint John's Reformed Church, of Wyoming, Kent county, Delaware ;"

The same having received the signature of the Speaker of the Senate ;

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

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Milton Academy and for other purposes ;'"

"A further supplement to the act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Pokomoke River Improvement Company,' passed at Dover, March 22, 1867;"

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

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

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

And, on motion of Mr. Robinson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

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

Which,

On motion of Mr. Ware, was read.

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

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

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

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

"An act to amend Section 2, of Chapter 6, of the Revised Code."

Mr. Ware presented the resolution of a meeting held in the City Hall at Wilmington in relation to a State work-house,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And referred to the special committee raised on that subject.

On motion of Mr. Ware, the bill entitled,

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

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

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

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

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

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

Nays—None.

The bill, having received the constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Cochran,

The vote by which the Senate amendment to the House bill entitled,

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

Was concurred in, was reconsidered.

Mr. Cochran offered an amendment to the Senate amendment,

Which, on his motion, was read as follows :

Amend the Senate amendment by striking out all after the word "amended," in first line, and insert in lieu thereof the following, to wit: "The bill by adding the following: 'And further amend the aforesaid Chapter and Section by adding to said Section the following, to wit: 'The said certificate so certified to shall be approved by the Superior Court in and for New Castle county, and the Levy Court shall ascertain, from the persons thus appointed, before entering on their duty, the charges for such service, and if they cannot agree, to make another appointment.' "

Which, on motion of Mr. Cochran,

Was

Adopted.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

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

"A supplement to the act entitled 'An act to consolidate School Districts Nos. 70, 102, 70½ and 102½, in Sussex county, and for other purposes,'"

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

"Joint Resolution in relation to new business after Monday the 26th instant,"

And returned the same to the House.

Mr. Holcomb offered a resolution,

Which, on his motion, was read as follows :

Resolved, That the committee appointed to redeem the portrait of Commodore Jacob Jones, be and they are hereby directed to have the said portrait repaired and placed in a proper position in the Hall of the House of Representatives,

Which, on his further motion,

Was

Adopted.

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

"An act to amend Chapter 444 of Volume 13, of the Laws of Delaware, entitled, 'Of Ditches.'"

Mr. Robinson sent to the Clerk's table a paper,

Which, on his motion, was read as follows :

Resolved, That the reporters are not allowed to pass across the floor during the sessions of the House, and the same shall apply to all members of the House.

Mr. Holcomb moved,

To excuse all the members of Kent and Sussex counties, who go by the train this morning, except the Speaker,

Which motion was

Lost.

Mr. Rickards moved,

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

Which motion

Prevailed.

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

MONDAY, *February* 19, 1877—3 o'clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. Bird, the bill entitled,

“An act to amend an act entitled ‘An act for stopping St. George’s Creek, and for embanking and draining a quantity of marsh and cripple on both sides of the said creek, being deemed about three thousand acres, situated in St. George’s and Red Lion Hundreds, and county of New Castle, and for keeping the dykes, sluices and drains belonging to the same in good order and repair,’ ”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

Mr. Messick presented the petition of Ezekiel Smith and 83 others ;

Also, the petition of Jonathan Owens and 50 others, praying the repeal of all stock laws in Nanticoke hundred, Sussex county,

Which, on his motion, were read,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Bird, the bill entitled,

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

Was read a second time by its title.

On motion of Mr. Hall, the bill entitled,

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

Was read a second time by its title.

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

And, on motion of Mr. Thompson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act establishing a Normal Department in Delaware College,”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Mustard, was read.

On motion of Mr. Wright, the bill entitled,

“An act to incorporate the purchasers of the Wilmington and Reading Railroad,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Wright, the bill entitled,

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

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

And upon his further motion, the bill entitled,

“An act for the protection of Minors,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Bird, on behalf of the committee on Divorces,

Reported a bill entitled,

“An act to divorce J. Percy Robinett, from the bonds of matrimony,”

Which, on his motion, was read.

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

And, on motion of Mr. Robinson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

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

Which,

On motion of Mr. Messick, was read,

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

“An act to re-incorporate the Town of St. George’s, and for other purposes.”

On motion of Mr. Bird, the bill entitled,

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

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

Was recommitted to the committee on Revised Statutes.

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

And, on motion of Mr. Morris,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

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

Which,

On motion of Mr. Thompson, was read.

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

“An act in relation to the duty of hundred collectors receiving school tax duplicates.”

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

And, on motion of Mr. Robinson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to repeal Section 14, Chapter 390, Volume 13, of the Laws of this State, and for other purposes,”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Nicholson, was read.

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

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

Mr. Rickards presented the petition of William Tunnell and 56 other colored persons, praying the passage of a law authorizing the colored people to tax themselves for their own schools,

Which,

On motion of Mr. Rickards, was read,
And referred to the committee on Education.

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

“An act to prohibit live stock from running at large in School District, Nos. 11 and 81, In Kent County ;”

Also,

“A further supplement to the act entitled ‘An act to incorporate the Duck Creek Improvement Company.’ ”

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

“An act to limit the time when debts not of record shall be liens against the real estate of deceased persons.”

Mr. Burnite 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. 50 and 108 in Kent County, under the title of ‘The Magnolia Public Schools.’ ”

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

And, on motion of Mr. Thompson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

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

Which,

On motion of Mr. Bird, was read.

Mr. Thompson presented the petition of George W. Horsey, praying the passage of a law changing his home or mansion farm from School District No. 46, to No. 51, in Sussex county,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And referred to the committee on Education.

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

And, on motion of Mr. Thompson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to amend Section 2 of Chapter 6, of the Revised Code."
Which,

On motion of Mr. Burnite, was read.

Mr. Bird presented the petition of A. L. Hudson, and 49 others,
for the establishment of a Work House,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And referred to the special committee raised on that subject.

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

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

Mr. Thompson presented the petition of J. F. Pennington, and 48
others, praying a law reducing the fees of public officers,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Bird presented the petition of Joseph Orme, and 40 others,
praying a modification of the law regulating the sale of liquors in
this State.

Which, on his motion, was read,

And referred to the special committee on Local Option.

Mr. Robinson moved,

That all petitions on the subject of modification of the law, regu-
lating the sale of liquors in this State, be referred to the special com-
mittee on Local Option,

Which motion

Prevailed.

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

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

On motion of Mr. Brown, the bill entitled,

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

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Brown moved,

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

Which motion

Prevailed.

Pending the reading of the bill a third time,

Mr. Robinson moved,

That the bill be postponed, and be made the special order for to-morrow,

Which motion

Prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Mustard, the bill entitled,

“An act to repeal Chapter 79, Current Volume, Delaware Laws, entitled, ‘An act prohibiting live stock from running at large in District No. 112, in Sussex county, Delaware,’ passed at Dover, March 4, 1875,”

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Mustard moved,

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

Which motion

Prevailed.

Pending the reading of the bill a third time,

Mr. Thompson moved to postpone the bill until to-morrow,

Which motion was

Lost.

The question being, “Shall that be the enacting clause of the bill?”

The question was decided in the negative,

And the enacting clause was lost,

And the bill was

Lost.

Mr. Burnite moved to reconsider the vote by which the enacting clause of the bill entitled,

“An act to amend Section 6 of Chapter 17 of the Revised Statutes

of the Laws of Delaware, entitled 'Of the Election of Assessors and Inspectors,' "

Was

Lost.

And, upon the question, "Shall the vote be reconsidered?"

Mr. Burnite called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Brown, Burnite, Robinson, Taylor, Thompson, Wright and Mr. Speaker—8.

Nays—Messrs. Bird, Hall, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Nicholson and Rickards—7.

The question being decided in the affirmative, the vote was reconsidered.

On motion of Mr. Burnite,

The further consideration of the bill was postponed.

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

TUESDAY, *February* 20, 1877—10 o'clock, A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

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

"An act to consolidate School Districts, Nos. 6 and 95, in Kent county;"

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Milton Academy, and for other purposes;'"

“A further supplement to the act entitled ‘An act to incorporate the Pokomoke River Improvement Company, passed at Dover, March 22, 1867;’”

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

Also, the following House bills, which have been found duly and correctly enrolled, viz :

“A supplement to the act entitled ‘An act to consolidate School Districts Nos. 70, 102, 70½ and 102½, in Sussex county,’ and for other purposes;”

“An act to incorporate the Diamond State Shoe and Leather Company;”

“An act authorizing the Vestry of Saint John’s Protestant Episcopal Church at Greenville in Sussex County to change and straighten a certain public road in Gumboro’ Hundred;”

“An act to prohibit live stock from running at large in School District No. 75, and a portion of School District No. 118;”

“An act in relation to the Assessors and Road Commissioners of St. George’s hundred, in New Castle county;”

“A supplement to an act to incorporate the Peninsula Agricultural and Pomological Association, passed at Dover, January 22, 1875;”

“An act to amend the act entitled ‘An act relating to School Districts Nos. 60 and 94, in New Castle county,’ passed at Dover, January 29, 1877;”

“An act prohibiting live stock from running at large in School District No. 86, in New Castle county;”

Also, the following Joint Resolution, viz :

“Joint Resolution in relation to new business after Monday, the 26th instant;”

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

Mr. Bird, on behalf of the committee on Divorces, to whom was referred the petition of Sallie J. Wright praying a divorce from her husband, John B. Wright, from the bonds of matrimony,

Reported a bill entitled,

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

Also, upon the petition of Virginia Chandler praying a divorce from her husband, Jesse Chandler, reported the same back favorably.

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

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

"An act authorizing the Recorder of Deeds in and for New Castle county to make certain index ;"

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

"A further supplement to the act entitled 'An act to regulate the building of wharves in the city of Wilmington,' passed at Dover, February 6, 1855 ;"

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

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

Also, the Senate bill entitled,

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

Also, the House bill entitled,

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

With a recommendation that they do pass.

Also, the following House bills, entitled,

"An act for the regulation of the Trustees of the Poor ;"

"An act to repeal an act entitled, 'An act to exempt from execution process, certain articles of personal property,'"

With a recommendation that they do not pass.

Mr. Wright presented the petition of J. V. Truitt and 272 others in favor of Local Option,

Which on his motion was referred to the committee on Local Option.

Mr. Ware presented the petition of Charles Canby and 1243 others, in favor of Local Option,

Which, on his motion was read,

And referred to the special committee on that subject.

Mr. Ware presented the resolution of the Board of Trade of the city of Wilmington,

Which, on his motion, was read.

The Speaker presented the petition of M. Colbourne and 24 others, praying the repeal of the exemption law so far as it applies to Sussex county,

Which was read and filed with the bill.

Mr. Mustard presented the memorial of the Trustees of Delaware College,

Which was referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Brown presented the petition of Joseph W. Barker and 234 others, praying a Local Option law,

Which was referred to the committee on Local Option.

Mr. Robinson presented the petition of Joseph C. Johnson, praying a divorce from his wife Leah Johnson,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And referred to the committee on Divorces.

Mr. Messick presented a letter from the wife of Joseph C. Johnson,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And referred to the committee on Divorces.

Mr. Bird asked,

And, on motion of Mr. Robinson,

Obtained leave to withdraw the bill entitled,

“An act to amend an act entitled ‘An act for stopping St. George’s Creek, and for embanking and draining a quantity of marsh and

cripple on both sides of said creek, being deemed about three thousand acres, situate in St. George's and Red Lion Hundreds, and county of New Castle; and for keeping the dykes, sluices and drains belonging to the same in good order and repair.' "

Mr. Robinson presented the petition of Joseph B. Lingo praying a divorce from his wife, Ellen Lingo,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And referred to the committee on Divorces.

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

"An act to incorporate the Enterprise Building and Loan Association of the city of New Castle; "

Also,

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to establish a Board of Education for the city of New Castle, and to incorporate the same, and for other purposes,' passed at Dover, March 10, 1875; "

Also,

"An act to amend Section 10 of Chapter 128 of the Revised Code."

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the bill entitled,

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

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Morris offered an amendment,

Which, on his motion, was read.

Mr. Morris moved the adoption of the amendment.

The Speaker ruled that the amendment was not in order.

Mr. Holcomb moved,

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

Mr. Morris moved to postpone the further consideration of the bill until to-morrow,

Which motion was

Lost.

The question then being, "Shall the bill be read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House?"

The question was decided in the affirmative,

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

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

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

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

Nays—None.

The bill having received the constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

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

"An act for the redemption of State bonds,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Wright, the bill entitled,

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

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Bird, the bill entitled,

"An act to divorce J. Percy Robinett from the bonds of matrimony,"

Was read a second time by its title.

On motion of Mr. Ware, the bill entitled,

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

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

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

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

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

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

Nays—None.

The bill having received the constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Wright offered a Joint Resolution appointing Directors for the Farmers' Bank of the State of Delaware,

Which on his motion, was read,

And, upon his further motion,

Was

Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

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

And, on motion of Mr. Morris,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

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

Which,

On motion of Mr. Messick, was read.

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

And, on motion of Mr. Thompson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

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

Which,

On motion of Mr. Burnite was read.

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

“An act proposing an amendment to the Constitution in relation to the election of officers.”

On motion of Mr. Nicholson, the bill entitled,

“An act to repeal Section 14 of Chapter 390, Volume 13, of the Laws of this State, and for other purposes,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Ware, the bill entitled,

“An act to incorporate the Wilmington Club in the city of Wilmington, Delaware,”

Was read a second time, by its title,

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Burnite, the bill entitled,

“An act to amend Section 2, Chapter 6, of the Revised Statutes,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, the bill entitled,

“An act to incorporate the Seaford Fire Insurance Company,”

Was taken up for consideration.

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

Pending the motion,

Mr. Burnite moved to lay the bill on the table,

Which motion

Prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the bill entitled,

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

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. Ware 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 spiritous, vinous and malt liquors.”

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

“An act authorizing the Levy Court Commissioners of Sussex county, of this State, to place snub posts on the bank of Broadkill Creek, above and below the drawbridge,”

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And *Passed the House.*

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Hall 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 registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths ;”

Also,

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

Mr. Brown offered a Joint Resolution entitled,

“Joint resolution in relation to taxation,”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Brown, was read,

And,

On motion of Mr. Holcomb,

Was referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Ware presented a memorial from the Board of Trade of the city of Wilmington,

Which was read.

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

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

“An act to incorporate the Delmar and Millsborough Railroad Company,”

And presented the same to the House.

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

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

And had appointed Mr. Ray committee on the part of the Senate.

Also, that the Senate had concurred in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the House bill entitled,

“An act to amend Chapter 384, Volume 14, Laws of Delaware,”

And returned the same to the House ;

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

“An act to render parties to the record or interested in suits competent to testify in civil actions,”

Also, that the Senate had concurred in the House bill entitled,

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

And returned the same to the House.

On motion of Mr. Bird, the bill entitled,

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

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

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Mustard, the bill entitled,
 "An act establishing a Normal Department in Delaware College,"
 Was read a second time by its title,
 And referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Hall offered a resolution,

Which, on his motion, was read as follows :

Resolved, That the committee on Ways and Means be, and they are hereby requested to consider the practicability of converting the State bonds into bonds drawing five per centum interest,

Which, on his further motion,

Was

Adopted.

The Speaker appointed as the committee on the part of the House, on the joint resolution, inviting Mr. Cæsar A. Rodney, to read an historical paper before the General Assembly,

Mr. Holcomb.

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

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

On motion of Mr. Mustard, the bill entitled,

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

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Mustard moved

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

Which motion

Prevailed.

Mr. Burnite moved

To reconsider the vote by which the bill was ordered to a third reading,

Which motion

Prevailed.

Mr. Morris moved to re-commit the bill to the committee on Revised Statutes,

Which motion

Prevailed.

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

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

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

And, on motion of Mr. Holcomb,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

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

Which,

On motion of Mr. Taylor, was read.

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

SAME DAY—3 o'clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker presented a communication from the Board of Education inviting the General Assembly to visit the public schools in Wilmington at such time as it may suit the convenience of the General Assembly,

Which was read.

Mr. Burnite offered a resolution,

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

A Resolution looking to the appointment of a Returning-Board in this State.

Resolved, That the committee on Revised Statutes be, and it is hereby instructed to prepare and submit for the consideration of this General Assembly a bill having for its object such changes or modifications in our existing election laws as will embody the following points, that is to say : There shall be constituted, for the convenience of the people of this State, and for the immediate benefit of the party now in power, what is familiarly known as a Returning-Board, having for its purpose the perpetual control and management of the affairs of this State by the party now controlling it. The said Board to consist of a number sufficient to accomplish the object hereby intended to be arrived at, and the sole qualification of its members shall be that they confess an undying allegiance to the Democratic party, and that they engage to so manipulate the votes of the people as that there can be no possible chance for any one not of the aforementioned party to be declared elected. The committee are further instructed to so frame this proposed law that the actions of said Returning-Board will be placed beyond any revision, or cannot be inquired into by Congress or the Supreme Court, or any other tribunal constituted for that purpose. And, in order that the law may be entirely effective, the existing law in the State of Louisiana is recommended to their favorable consideration. It shall further be provided that all laws and parts of laws, and all provisions of the Constitution of the United States and of this State, inconsistent with the acts or decisions of this Returning-Board, shall be repealed, made null and void.

On motion of Mr. Burnite,

The resolution was

Laid on the table.

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

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

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

"The bill was read a third time by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

"On motion of Mr. Wright, the bill entitled,

"An act for the regulation of the Trustees of the Poor,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Bird, the bill entitled,

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

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to a special committee,

Whereupon,

Messrs. Bird, Ware and Bartholomew, were appointed said committee.

The bill entitled,

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

Being made the special order for to-day.

Mr. Brown called for the special order.

On motion of Mr. Brown,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Wright, the bill entitled,

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

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

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

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

The yeas and nays, were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

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

Nays—None.

The bill having received the constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Robinson, the bill entitled,

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

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

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

"An act for the relief of Public Schools, in Wilmington."

Also,

"A further supplement to an act entitled, 'An act for the benefit of Public Schools, in Wilmington.'"

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

"An act to amend Chapter 55, of the Revised Code of Delaware Laws,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

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

And, upon the question, "Shall that be the enacting clause of the bill?"

The question was decided in the negative,

And the enacting clause was lost,

And the bill was

Lost.

Mr. Nicholson presented the petition of L. V. Aspril, and 84 others, in favor of Local Option,

Which was read and referred to the committee on Local Option.

Mr. Bird presented the petition of W. J. Robinson, and 41 others, in favor of local option,

Which was read and referred to the committee on Local Option.

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

And, on motion of Mr. Morris,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Delaware State Grange Mutual Fire Insurance company,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Brown, was read.

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

And, on motion of Mr. Brown,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

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

Which,

On motion of Mr. Taylor. was read.

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

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

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the bill entitled,

"An act to amend Chapter 83 of the Revised Code,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes ;

And, on his further motion,

The bill entitled,

"An act to amend Chapter 190, Volume 15, Laws of Delaware,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

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

And, on motion of Mr. Thompson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

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

Which,

On motion of Mr. Burnite, was read.

Mr. Burnite presented the petition of Samuel Wharton and 86 others, praying a law consolidating said districts,

Which,

On motion of Mr. Burnite, was read,

And filed with the bill.

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

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

On motion of Mr. Bird, the bill entitled,

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

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,

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

Mr. Morris called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

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

Nays—Messrs. Morris, Mustard, Slaughter and Mr. Speaker—4.

The bill, having received a majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, the bill entitled,

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

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Mustard moved,

To reconsider the vote by which the enacting clause of the bill entitled,

"An act to repeal Chapter 79, Current Volume, Delaware Laws, entitled, 'An act prohibiting live stock from running at large in District No. 112, in Sussex county, Delaware,' passed at Dover, March 4, 1875,"

Was lost.

Which motion

Prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Mustard, the bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Ware presented the remonstrance of Hugh Patton, and 87 others, of New Castle county, against any change in the appointment of constable.

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

WEDNESDAY, *February 21, 1877*—10 o'clock, A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker being absent the Clerk called the House to order and informed the House of that fact.

On motion of Mr. Bird,

Mr. Burnite was elected Speaker *pro tempore*.

Mr. Burnite took the Chair ;

Prayer by the Chaplain.

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

“An act in relation to rates of toll in Kent County ;”

Also,

That the Senate had concurred in the following House bills, viz :

“ An act authorizing the Governor to appoint an additional Notary Public in Baltimore hundred, in Sussex county ;”

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

And returned the same to the House.

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

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

And presented the same to the House ;

Also, presented the following enrolled Senate bills as duly and correctly enrolled, viz :

“An act for the relief of John T. M. Cardeza and other persons therein named ;”

“An act to incorporate the Centreville Hall Company,”

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

Mr. Ware, on behalf of the committee on Corporations, to whom was referred sundry bills, .

Reported the following bills back to the House, viz :

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

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

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

“An act to incorporate the Wilmington Club, in the city of Wilmington,”

Without amendments ;

Also, the bill entitled,

“An act re-incorporating the Town of Dover,”

With an amendment, with a recommendation that they do pass.

Mr. Holcomb, on behalf of the committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred sundry bills,

Reported the following Senate bills back to the House :

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

“An act for the redemption of State bonds;”

With a recommendation that they do pass ;

Also, a Senate Joint Resolution entitled,

“Joint Resolution directing the State Treasurer to re-invest certain monies for the benefit of the School Fund,”

With a recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

Mr. Morris, on behalf of the committee on Roads and Highways, to whom was referred the petition of John W. Warren and others praying the passage of a law authorizing the laying out a new public road in South Murderkill hundred, in Kent county,

Reported a bill entitled,

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

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

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

"An act to amend Chapter 83 of the Revised Code ;"

"An act to amend Chapter 190, Volume 15, Laws of Delaware ;"

"An act to amend Section 2, of Chapter 6, of the Revised Code ;"

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

Also, the Senate bill entitled,

"An act entitled 'An act to repeal Chapter 445, Volume 14, Delaware Laws, ' "

With a recommendation that they do pass.

Also, the House bill entitled,

"An act for the relief of Married Women and Children,"

With a recommendation that the bill does not pass.

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

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

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the bill entitled,

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

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

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

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

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

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

Nays—None.

The bill, having received the constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the bill entitled,

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

Was taken up for consideration.

And, upon his further motion,

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

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

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Burnite, Hall, Holcomb, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Nicholson, Robinson, Saulsbury, Slaughter, Taylor, Thompson, Ware and Wright—16.

Nays—None.

The bill having received the constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the bill entitled,

“An act to incorporate the purchasers of the Wilmington and Reading Railroad,”

Was taken up for consideration.

And, upon his further motion,

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

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

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Burnite, Cochran, Holcomb, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Nicholson, Robinson, Saulsbury, Slaughter, Taylor, Thompson, Ware and Wright—16.

Nays—None.

The bill having received the constitutional majority

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Wright, the bill entitled,

“An act re-incorporating the town of Dover,”

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Morris moved to postpone the further consideration of the bill until this afternoon, and that it be made the special order,

Which motion

Prevailed.

Mr. Brown presented the petition of C. Conwell and 27 other residents of School District No. 27, in Kent county, praying a law dividing said district,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Ware presented the claim of C. P. Johnson,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And referred to the committee on Claims.

On motion of Mr. Ware, the bill entitled,

“An act to incorporate the Wilmington Club, in the city of Wilmington, Delaware,”

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

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

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

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Brown, Burnite, Cochran, Holcomb, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Nicholson, Robinson, Saulsbury, Slaughter, Taylor, Thompson, Ware and Wright—17.

Nays—None.

The bill having received the constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

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

And, on motion of Mr. Messick,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act in relation to the duty of hundred collectors receiving school tax duplicates,”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Morris, was read.

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

And, on motion of Mr. Robinson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act in relation to the salary of the State Treasurer,”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Messick, was read.

Mr. Cochran presented the petition of Jacob Deakyne and 19 other residents of Blackbird hundred, in New Castle county, praying a law increasing the per centum of the collector of Blackbird hundred,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

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

And, on motion of Mr. Mustard,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

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

Which,

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, was read.

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

"An act entitled 'An act to repeal Chapter 445, Volume 14, Delaware Laws,'"

Was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

On motion of Mr. Messick, the bill entitled,

"An act to amend Chapter 444 of Volume 13, of the Laws of Delaware, entitled, 'Of Ditches,'"

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Messick, the bill entitled,

"An act to enable Peter Hastings to change the course of a Public Road running through his own lands,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Roads and Highways.

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

And, on motion of Mr. Ware,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to amend Section 10 of Chapter 128, of the Revised Code,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, was read.

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

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

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

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

And, on motion of Mr. Holcomb,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to amend the charter of the city of Wilmington,”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Ware, was read.

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

“A supplement to Chapter 418 of Volume 14 of the Laws.”

On motion of Mr. Wright, the bill entitled,

“An act to amend Chapter 90 of the Revised Statutes, entitled ‘Of the Sale of Lands by Executors and Administrators,’”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

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

SAME DAY—3 o'clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker announced that the bill entitled,

“An act re-incorporating the town of Dover,”

Was now before the House for consideration.

On motion of Mr. Wright,

The amendment reported by the committee were read,

And, upon his further motion,

Was

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Wright,

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

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

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

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

Nays—None.

The bill having received the constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

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

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

On motion of Mr. Bird, the bill entitled,

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

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

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

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

Mr. Holcomb called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

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

Nays—Mr. Holcomb—1.

The bill having received a majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Ware, the bill entitled,

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

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Ware moved,

That the amendment reported from the committee, be read,

Which motion *Prevailed,*

And, upon his further motion,

Was *Adopted.*

And, upon his further motion,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And *Passed the House.*

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

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

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

And presented the same for the concurrence of the House.

Also, that the Senate had concurred in the House bills as follows :

“An act prohibiting live stock from running at large in School District No. 62, in New Castle county;”

“An act to amend Chapter 159 Current Volume; Delaware Laws, entitled ‘An act to incorporate the town of Lewes, and for other purposes,’ passed at Dover, March 10, 1875;”

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

“Joint resolution appointing Directors for the Farmers’ Bank of the State of Delaware;”

And returned the same to the House.

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

"An act authorizing the consolidation of the Junction and Breakwater Railroad Company with the Breakwater and Frankford Railroad Company, and with any company chartered by the State of Maryland, operating a railroad forming a continued line therewith."

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

"An act to lay out a private road in Milford Hundred, Kent County,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

On motion of Mr. Bird, the bill entitled,

"An act to divorce J. Percy Robinett, from the bonds of matrimony,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

Was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Ware, the bill entitled,

"A further supplement to the act entitled, 'An act to regulate the building of wharves in the City of Wilmington,' passed at Dover, February 6, 1855,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Bartholomew,

The memorial of the Board of Trade of the City of Wilmington, on beet culture,

Was referred to a special committee of three, with leave to report by bill, or otherwise ;

Whereupon,

Messrs. Bartholomew, Brown and Messick, were appointed said committee.

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

And, on motion of Mr. Holcomb,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to prevent stock from running at large in School District No. 96, in New Castle county,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Cochran, was read.

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

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

On motion of Mr. Burnite, the bill entitled,

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

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Education.

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

"An act consolidating United School Districts No. 65 and 66, and United School Districts Nos. 42, 43, 68 and 70, in Kent county,"

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the bill entitled,

"An act to amend Chapter 83, of the Revised Code,"

Was taken up for consideration.

And, upon his further motion,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the bill entitled,

"An act to amend Chapter 190, Volume 15, Laws of Delaware,"

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.

On motion of Mr. Burnite, the bill entitled,

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

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

Mr. Cochran 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
District No. 67, in New Castle county."

Mr. Holcomb offered a joint resolution entitled,

"Joint resolution respecting the Historical Society of Delaware,"

Which on his motion, was read,

And referred to a special committee of five.

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

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

Was read.

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

"An act to limit the power of the Road Commissioners of New
Castle hundred to lay and collect a tax;"

Also,

"An act to incorporate the Nonsuch Marsh Company."

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

"An act to amend Section 4 of Chapter 89, of the Revised Code, relating to the giving security by executors and administrators ;"

Also,

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

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

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

Was read a second time by its title.

On motion of Mr. Wright, the bill entitled,

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

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Burnite, the bill entitled,

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

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, the bill entitled,

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

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

Mr. Mustard presented the petition of George W. Jones and 55 others, praying the passage of a law changing the boundary of Gum-borough hundred, in Sussex county,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Brown presented the petition of James Francis and 124 others, on local option,

Also, the petition of Ignatius T. Cooper and 138 others, on local option,

Which were read and referred to the special committee raised on that subject.

Mr. Saulsbury presented the petition of J. B. R. Powell and 72 others, on local option,

Also, the petition of John W. Rickards and 29 others,

Which were read and referred to the special committee raised on that subject.

Mr. Ware presented the petition of J. B. Mann and 93 others, on local option,

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

Mr. Wright presented the petition of C. Frear and 78 others, on local option,

Also, the petition of John T. Poor and 71 others, on local option,

Which were read and referred to the special committee raised on that subject.

Mr. Hall presented the petition of D. O. K. Strong and 145 others, on local option,

Also, the petition of Valentine Gray and 35 others, on the same subject,

Which were referred to the Special Committee raised on that subject.

Mr. Morris presented the remonstrance of John Kinder and 16 others ;

Also, the remonstrance of Jesse W. Williams and 42 others ;

Also, the remonstrance of Wm. W. Kinder and 10 others, against the passage of a Stock Law for School Districts Nos. 73 and 73½ in Sussex county,

Which, on his motion were read,

And referred to the committee on Roads and Highways.

Mr. Holcomb moved, that the House do now adjourn,
And upon the question, "Shall the House now adjourn?"

Mr. Burnite called for the yeas and nays,
Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Holcomb, Morris, Nicholson, Robinson, Thompson, Ware and Mr. Speaker—7.

Nays—Messrs. Brown, Burnite, Cochran, Hall, Messick, Mustard, Saulsbury, Slaughter, Taylor and Wright—10.

The question was decided in the negative,
And the motion to adjourn was

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Burnite, the bill entitled,

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

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

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

THURSDAY, *February 22*, 1877—10 o'clock, A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. Burnite offered a resolution,

Which was read, as follows:

WHEREAS, This day has by enactment of the General Assembly of this State been set apart as a legal holiday, in the proper observance of which as such all good citizens should join, therefore, be it

Resolved, That regarding with the utmost esteem, affection and respect the name of him in whose honor this holiday was created, the House when it adjourns this morning it adjourns to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Mr. Burnite moved the adoption of the resolution.

And upon the question, "Shall the resolution be adopted?"

Mr. Burnite called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Brown, Burnite, Hall, Morris, Saulsbury and Wright—6.

Nays—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Cochran, Holcomb, Messick, Nicholson, Robinson, Slaughter, Taylor, Thompson, Ware and Mr. Speaker—12.

The question was decided in the negative,

And the resolution was *Lost.*

Mr. Morris offered an additional rule for the government of the House,

Which, on his motion, was read.

Mr. Morris moved the adoption of the rule.

Mr. Holcomb, moved that the rule be referred to a special committee of three,

Which motion *Prevailed.*

Whereupon,

Messrs. Holcomb, Wright and Morris were appointed said committee.

Mr. Burnite moved,

That Mr. Holcomb read Washington's Farewell Address, at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Mr. Holcomb moved to amend the motion by substituting the name of Mr. Burnite,

Which motion was *Lost.*

The question then being on the motion of Mr. Burnite,

It was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Cochran, on behalf of the committee on Education, to whom was referred sundry bills and petitions,

Reported a bill entitled,

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

With a recommendation that the bill pass;

Also, reported a bill entitled,

"An act to consolidate Nos. 20, 21 and 59, in Kent county,"

With a recommendation that the bill does not pass.

Mr. Holcomb, from the committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the joint resolution in relation to taxation,

Reported the same back to the House with a recommendation adverse to the adoption of the resolution.

Mr. Morris, on behalf of the committee on Roads and Highways, to whom was referred the petition of J. L. Burchenal and others, asking the passage of a law authorizing the laying out a public road in North Murderkill and South Murderkill hundreds, in Kent county,

Reported a bill entitled,

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

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

"An act to repeal Section 14 of Chapter 390, Volume 13, of the Laws of this State, and for other purposes,"

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

Mr. Robinson, on behalf of the special committee to whom was referred the House Joint Resolution in relation to the Farmers' Bank of the State of Delaware, with sundry amendments,

Reported the same back to the House,

With a recommendation that the House concur in the Senate amendments.

Mr. Burnite presented the petition of N. P. Luff, and 216 others, on local option.

Mr. Wright presented the petition of E. D. Davis, and 44 others, on the same subject,

Which were referred to the committee raised on that subject.

The Speaker presented the petition of Elijah Hearn, and 22 others, praying the repeal of the stock law in School Districts Nos. 46 and 133, in Sussex county:

Also,

The petition of J. T. Rickards, and 24 others, praying for the repeal of the stock law in School Districts Nos. 51 and 148, in Sussex county;

Which were read,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Brown presented the petition of J. C. Durborough, and 18 others, praying the passage of a law authorizing the laying out a new road in North Murderkill hundred, in Kent county,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And referred to the committee on Roads and Highways.

Mr. Thompson presented the petition of Isaac Wootten, and 13 others, praying the repeal of Chapter 580, Volume 11, Laws of Delaware,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

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

And, on motion of Mr. Ware,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

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

Which,

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, was read.

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

And, on motion of Mr. Robinson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

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

Which,

On motion of Mr. Bird, was read.

The Speaker appointed as the special committee of five on the House Joint Resolution entitled,

"Joint Resolution in relation to the Historical Society of Delaware,"

Messrs. Holcomb, Cochran, Hall, Wright and Robinson.

On motion of Mr. Morris, the bill entitled,

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

Was read a second time by its title.

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Holcomb 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 to amend Chapter 7, Revised Code of 1852, as published in amended Code of 1874, passed at Dover, January 26, 1877.'"

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

And, on motion of Mr. Ware,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act limiting the power of the Road Commissioners of New Castle hundred to levy and collect a tax,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, was read.

Mr. Burnite moved

To reconsider the vote by which Mr. Holcomb was requested to read Washington's Farewell Address this afternoon at 3 o'clock,

Which motion *Prevailed.*

Mr. Burnite moved

That the Speaker be invited to read Washington's Farewell Address this afternoon at 3 o'clock,

Which motion *Prevailed.*

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the bill entitled,

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

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the bill entitled,

"An act to amend Section 10 of Chapter 128 of the Revised Code,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Wright 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 regulating the sale of intoxicating liquors,' passed at Dover, April 10, 1873."

Mr. Cochran presented the petition of Richard F. Hanson and others, praying the passage of

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

Which was read,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

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

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

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

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

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

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

And, on motion of Mr. Robinson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

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

Which,

On motion of Mr. Ware, was read.

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

And, on motion of Mr. Ware,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

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

Which,

On motion of Mr. Burnite was read.

On motion of Mr. Burnite, the bill entitled,

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

Was read.

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

And, on motion of Mr. Thompson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to limit the time when debts not of record shall be liens against the real estate of deceased persons,”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Wright, was read.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, the bill entitled,

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

Was read,

And, on motion of Mr. Brown,

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

On motion of Mr. Burnite, the bill entitled,

"An act to amend Section 2, Chapter 6, of the Revised Statutes,"

As amended, was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

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

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

Mr. Burnite called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Brown, Burnite, Cochran, Holcomb, Messick, Nicholson, Robinson, Slaughter, Taylor, Thompson, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker—13.

Nays—None.

The bill having received a majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Holcomb moved to take up the Senate Joint Resolution entitled,

"Joint Resolution directing the State Treasurer to re-invest certain monies for the benefit of the School Fund,"

For consideration,

Which motion

Prevailed.

Mr. Holcomb moved to concur in the resolution,

And, upon the question, "Shall the House concur in the resolution?"

Mr. Wright called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Burnite, Cochran, Holcomb, Messick, Nicholson, Robinson, Slaughter, Taylor, Thompson, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker—13.

Nays—None.

The resolution having received a majority,

Was

Concurred in.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

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

“An act to amend Chapter 192, Volume 15, Laws of Delaware.”

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

“An act for the redemption of State bonds,”

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

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

Mr. Robinson moved to postpone the further consideration of the bill until Wednesday next,

Which motion was

Lost.

The question then recurring upon the question, “Shall the bill be read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House?”

The question was decided in the affirmative,

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

And

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

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

SAME DAY—3 o'clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Burnite offered a resolution,

Which was read, as follows :

Resolved, That the Clerk of the House be instructed to invite the Senate to visit the House for the purpose of listening to the reading of Washington's Farewell Address, and that he be further instructed to inform the Senate that the House is now ready to proceed with the reading of the same, and respectfully await the answer of the Senate to this invitation,

Which, on motion of Mr. Burnite,

Was

Adopted,

And the Clerk proceeded to inform the Senate of the action of the House.

Mr. Taylor, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had accepted the invitation of the House, to visit the House and listen to the reading of Washington's Farewell Address, and would be present in three minutes.

The Senate entered in a body, accompanied by the officers, and took seats prepared for them.

The Speaker of the House, (Hon. Hugh Martin), then proceeded to read Washington's Farewell Address ;

And, upon the conclusion of the reading of the address,

Mr. Fiddeman of the Senate, moved that a vote of thanks be given Mr. Martin,

Which was seconded by Mr. Holcomb, of the House, and received the unanimous vote of both Houses.

The Senate then returned to their chamber.

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

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

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

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

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

“A supplement to Chapter 418 of Volume 14, Laws of Delaware.”

Mr. Holcomb offered a resolution,

Which was read, as follows :

Resolved. That the committee on Ways and Means be, and they are hereby instructed to report a bill to provide for the negotiation at par, of State bonds to the amount of \$500,000, payable at the end of ten years, and to bear five per cent. interest, the proceeds of which shall be used for the redemption of State bonds of 1865,

Which, on motion of Mr. Holcomb,

Was

Adopted.

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

“An act to amend Chapter 73, Section 13, Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware, entitled ‘Of the City of Wilmington.’ ”

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

And, on motion of Mr. Robinson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act for the relief of Public Schools in Wilmington,”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Ware, was read.

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

“An act to amend an act entitled ‘An act securing to mechanics and others, payment for labor and material in erecting or repairing any building or structure within the State of Delaware,’ ”

Also,

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

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

And, on motion of Mr. Holcomb,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"A further supplement to an act entitled, 'An act for the benefit of Public Schools in Wilmington,' "

Which,

On motion of Mr. Ware, was read.

On motion of Mr. Nicholson, the bill entitled,

"An act to repeal Section 14, Chapter 390, Volume 13, of the Laws of this State and for other purposes,"

Was taken up for consideration.

And, upon his further motion,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Ware, the bill entitled,

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

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Cochran, the bill entitled,

"An act to prevent stock from running at large in School District No. 96, in New Castle County,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Roads and Highways.

On motion of Mr. Burnite, the bill entitled,

"An act in relation to Insurance Companies,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And recommitted to the special committee.

Mr. Wright in pursuance of previous notice, asked,

And, on motion of Mr. Robinson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

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

Which,

On motion of Mr. Wright, was read.

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

And, on motion of Mr. Thompson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

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

Which,

On motion of Mr. Wright, was read.

On motion of Mr. Wright, the bill entitled,

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

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

Was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

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

"An act to repeal Chapter 389, Volume 14, Delaware Laws, entitled, 'An act to prohibit Justices of the Peace of the power, or Constables from taking costs in criminal cases.'"

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

"An act authorizing the Governor of Delaware to offer reward for the arrest of persons charged with crime."

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

“An act concerning the public road over Murphey’s Mill Dam, situated partly in Kent and partly in New Castle counties.”

On motion of Mr. Burnite, the bill entitled,

“An act appointing Commissioners to lay out a public road in Kent county,”

Was read a second time, by its title.

On motion of Mr. Bird, Rule 12 was suspended, and the bill entitled,

“An act to re-incorporate the Town of St. George’s, and for other purposes,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

Mr. Holcomb moved,

That when the House adjourns it adjourns to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o’clock;

Which motion

Prevailed.

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

FRIDAY, *February 23*, 1877—9 o’clock, A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

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

“An act for the relief of John T. M. Cardeza, *et al*;”

“An act to incorporate the Centreville Hall Company,”

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

Mr. Morris, on behalf of the committee on Roads and Highways, to whom was referred the petition of John C. Durborough, and 18 others, praying the passage of a law authorizing the appointment of commissioners to lay out a new road in North Murderkill hundred, in Kent county, reported a bill entitled,

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

Also, on behalf of the same committee, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

“An act to enable Peter Hastings to change the course of a public road running through his own lands,”

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

Mr. Holcomb, on behalf of the special committee, to whom was referred the additional rule for the government of the House,

Reported the same back, as follows :

RULE 26. That as soon as the Clerk shall have completed the reading of the Journal, and the same has been approved, the Speaker of the House shall proceed with the business in the following order: 1st, The call for reports of standing committees in their regular order: 2d, The call for reports of special committees: 3d, The call for petitions and memorials: 4th, The reading of bills a second time, by title.

Mr. Holcomb presented the petition of Annie G. France, praying a divorce from her husband, Albert L. France, from the bonds of matrimony,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And referred to the committee on Divorces.

Mr. Messick presented the petition of William Giles and 25 others, asking that the voting place of Broad Creek hundred be changed to Sycamore Tree,

Which, on his motion, was read.

On motion of Mr. Thompson,

The petition just read and the petition in relation to Gumborough hundred were referred to a special committee of three.

Mr. Wright presented the claim of T. K. Jones & Bro.,

Which, on his motion, was referred to the committee on Claims.

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

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

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

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

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

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

And returned the same to the House;

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

“Joint Resolution concerning the standard weights and measures, and the balances for adjusting duplicate standards,”

And requested the concurrence of the House.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the bill entitled,

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

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

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

“An act regulating the standard of oats.”

On motion of Mr. Wright, the bill entitled,

“An act to limit the time when debts not of record shall be liens against the real estate of deceased persons,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

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

“An act to regulate the appropriation of money by the Levy Court of Sussex county, to the incorporated towns in said county.”

On motion of Mr. Burnite, the bill entitled,

“An act appointing Commissioners to lay out a public road in Kent county,”

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Messick, the bill entitled,

“An act in relation to the salary of the State Treasurer,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the bill entitled,

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

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Messick, the bill entitled,

“An act to enable Peter Hastings to change the course of a public road running through his own lands,”

Was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, the bill entitled,

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

Was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Robinson moved,

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

Which motion

Prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Wright, the bill entitled,

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

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Morris, on behalf of Mr. Cochran, in pursuance of previous notice given by Mr. Cochran, asked,

And, on motion of Mr. Robinson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

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

Which,

On motion of Mr. Morris, was read.

Mr. Bird, on behalf of the committee to whom was referred the petition of Annie G. France praying a divorce from her husband, Albert L. France, from the bonds of matrimony,

Reported a bill entitled,

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

Which,

On motion of Mr. Bird, was read.

On motion of Mr. Wright, the bill entitled,

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

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

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

And, on motion of Mr. Thompson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

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

Which,

On motion of Mr. Wright, was read.

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

And, on motion of Mr. Burnite,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

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

Which,

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, was read.

On motion of Mr. Brown, the bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Delaware State Grange Mutual Fire Insurance company,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Wright, the bill entitled,

"An act to amend Chapter 48, of the Current Volume, Laws of Delaware,' Passed at Dover, March 24, 1875,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

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

And, on motion of Mr. Robinson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"A supplement to Chapter 418 of Volume 14, of the Laws,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, was read.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, the bill entitled,

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

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Roads and Highways.

Mr. Nicholson asked and obtained leave of absence until Wednesday next.

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

"An act to authorize John E. M. Burton and others, to change the course of a certain public road in Long Neck, Indian River hundred, Sussex county."

On motion of Mr. Burnite, the bill entitled,

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

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

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

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

Was read, and referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

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

And, on motion of Mr. Robinson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act concerning the public road over Murphey’s Mill Dam, situated partly in Kent and partly in New Castle counties;”

Mr. Taylor moved, that the bill be read,

Which motion

Prevailed,

Pending the reading of the bill,

Mr. Morris moved that the further reading of the bill be indefinitely postponed,

And, upon the question, “Shall the further reading of the bill be indefinitely postponed?”

Mr. Morris called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Morris, Nicholson, Wright and Mr. Speaker—5.

Nays—Messrs. Brown, Burnite, Holcomb, Messick, Robinson, Slaughter and Taylor—7.

The question was decided in the negative,

And the reading of the bill was continued.

The reading being concluded,

Mr. Holcomb moved,

That the further consideration of the bill be indefinitely postponed,

Which motion

Prevailed.

Mr. Nicholson 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 arrest of persons violating the laws of this State, and appropriating money to pay for such arrests.”

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

MONDAY, *February 26*, 1877—3 o'clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. Bird gave notice that, on to-morrow or some future day, he would ask leave to introduce the following bills, viz :

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

“An act to amend an act entitled, ‘An act to amend Chapter 111, of the Revised Code ;’”

“An act in relation to the exemption of wages from execution attachments.”

Mr. Bird presented the petition of Robert E. Randall, praying a divorce from his wife Elizabeth S. Randall, from the bonds of matrimony,

Which was referred to the committee on Divorces.

Mr. Bird, on behalf of the committee on Divorces, to whom was referred the petition of Robert E. Randall, asking a divorce from his wife Elizabeth S. Randall, reported a bill entitled,

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

Which, on his motion, was read.

Mr. Ware gave notice that, on to-morrow or some future day, he would ask leave to introduce the following bills, viz :

“An act to confirm and establish an act entitled, ‘An act to provide a sinking fund for the payment of the city debt of Wilmington ;’”

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

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

“An act to further amend the Charter of the city of Wilmington ;”

"An act to amend an act entitled, 'An additional supplement to the act entitled, 'An act for the benefit of Public Schools of Wilmington ;' "

"An act in relation to taxation in certain parts of the city of Wilmington ;"

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

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

"An act to divorce Annie T. Griffith ;"

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

"An act for the relief of R. R. Robinson & Co. ;"

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

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

"An act to incorporate the Bradford Paint Company ;"

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

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

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

Mr. Holcomb gave notice that, on to-morrow or some future day, he would ask leave to introduce the following bills, viz :

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

"An act to further amend Chapter 418, Volume 14, Laws of Delaware ;"

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

"An act to incorporate ——— Company ;"

"An act to amend a certain Chapter herein named."

Mr. Holcomb presented the claim of The Every Evening Publishing Company,

Which, on his motion,

Was referred to the committee on Claims.

Mr. Mustard gave notice that, on to-morrow or some future day, he would ask leave to introduce the following bills, viz :

"An act entitled, an act to amend Chapter 3 of the Revised Code Delaware Laws, as amended ;"

"An act to divorce Mary Spencer from her husband W. E. Spencer ;"

"An act to amend Chapter 418, Volume 14, Delaware Laws ;"

"An act to authorize the heirs of John R. Burton to straighten a public road in Indian River hundred."

Mr. Hall gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day, he would ask leave to introduce the following bills, viz :

"An act to divorce Sarah E. Hickman from her husband Caleb J. Hickman ;"

"An act to incorporate the Milford Basket Company of Milford, Delaware ;"

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

Mr. Hall presented the petition of Sarah E. Hickman, praying a divorce from her husband Caleb J. Hickman,

Which on his motion

Was referred to the committee on Divorces.

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

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

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

"An act to amend Section 32 of Chapter 125, of the Revised Code of 1874."

Mr. Rickards presented the remonstrance of Stephen C. Adylott, and 237 others, against the passage of a law prohibiting the setting of gill seines in Indian River and Rehoboth Bay,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

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

"An act authorizing the collection from the United States, pay for the arms taken from this State during the late civil war, and for other purposes."

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

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

Mr. Ware presented the petition of J. R. Philips, and 54 others, praying the repeal of the law creating the Board of Revision of the city of Wilmington,

Which, on his motion,

Was referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

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

"An act in relation to the entering of Judgment Bonds."

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

The Speaker 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 entitled, 'An act in relation to Free Schools, passed at Dover, March 3, 1867.'"

The Speaker presented the resolutions of the meeting of the town of Newark and vicinity, (held at Newark,) in relation to taxation,

Which was read,

And referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

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

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

Mr. Brown presented the remonstrance of Edmund Stout and 22 others, against the passage of a law consolidating School Districts Nos. 50 and 108 in Kent county,

Which, on his motion,

Was referred to the committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the bill entitled,

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

Was read a second time by its title.

Mr. Cochran 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 District No. 59, in New Castle county,"

Mr. Bird on behalf of the committee on Divorces, to whom was referred the petition of Virginia Chandler, praying a divorce from her husband Jesse Chandler,

Reported a bill entitled,

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

Which, on his motion, was read.

Mr. Cochran presented the petition of R. H. Foster and 18 others, praying a modification in the law regulating the sale of liquor within this State,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And referred to the special committee on Local Option.

Mr. Cochran also presented the petition of Wm. R. Cochran, and 25 others; praying the passage of a law prohibiting the killing of Partridges or Rabbits, during the year 1877;

Also, the petition of John Pilling, and 42 others, on the same subject;

Also, the petition of John P. R. Polk, and 30 others, on the same subject;

Also, the petition of George L. Townsend, and 49 others, on the same subject,

Which, on his motion, were read,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Ware, the bill entitled,

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

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Ware, the bill entitled,

“An act for the relief of Public Schools, in Wilmington,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Ware presented the petition of the Board of Public Education, in Wilmington;

Which, on his motion,

Was referred to the committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Ware, the bill entitled,

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

Was read a second time, by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Ware moved to read the bill entitled,

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

A third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

Which motion

Prevailed.

Mr. Ware moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill entitled,

"An act to amend the charter of the city of Wilmington,"

Was ordered to a third reading,

Which motion

Prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Burnite, the bill entitled,

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

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Burnite, the bill entitled,

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

Was read a second time by its title.

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

"An act to amend Chapter 114, Volume 14, Delaware Laws, relating to the town of Lewes."

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

"An act to divorce J. Percey Robinett from the bonds of matrimony,"

And returned the same to the House.

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

And, on motion of Mr. Holcomb,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

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

Which,

On motion of Mr. Ware, was read.

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

And, on motion of Mr. Thompson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

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

Which,

On motion of Mr. Robinson, was read.

Mr. Bartholomew moved to print 200 copies of the bill entitled,

"An act regulating the sale of spiritous, vinous and malt liquor;"

And, upon the question, "Shall 200 copies be printed?"

Mr. Bartholomew called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

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

Nays—Messrs. Brown, Morris, Mustard, Slaughter and Wright—5.

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And 200 copies was ordered to be printed for the use of the House.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the bill entitled,

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

Was read a second time, by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Bird, the bill entitled,

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

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Bird moved,

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

Which motion

Prevailed.

Pending the reading of the bill,

Mr. Holcomb moved,

That the further reading of the bill be postponed, and that the bill be re-committed to the committee on Revised Statutes,

Which motion

Prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Bird, the bill entitled,

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

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

Was re-committed to the committee on Revised Statutes.

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

"An act to convert \$600,000 of the Internal Improvement Bonds of the State, into five per centum bonds payable in 1910, and the interest secured thereby, to create a sinking fund for purposes named in the bill."

The Speaker announced as the special committee on the petition of William Giles and others in relation to Broad Creek hundred; also, the petition of the citizens of Gumborough hundred, in Sussex county, Messrs. Thompson, Messick and Robinson.

Mr. Robinson moved to reconsider the vote by which 200 copies of the bill entitled,

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

Was ordered to be printed,

Which motion

Prevailed.

Mr. Robinson moved that 500 copies be printed in lieu of 200 copies,

Which motion

Prevailed.

Mr. Wright gave notice that, on to-morrow or some future day, he would ask leave to introduce the following bills, viz :

"An act to provide a punishment for fraud ;"

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

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

Mr. Wright presented the petition of Sarah A. Butler for a divorce from her husband George W. Butler,

Which, on his motion,

Was referred to the committee on Divorces.

Mr. Wright also presented the petition of Samuel Hargadine, Mary S. Reed, James L. Smith and Wm. H. Grasley, asking that certain real estate be taken out of the corporate limits of the town of Leipsic,

Which, on his motion,

Was referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

The Speaker presented the petition of John N. Wright and 7 others, praying an act incorporating the Gethsemina Lodge No. 28 of A. F. and A. M., of Sussex county,

Which,

On motion of Mr. Thompson,

Was referred to the committee on Corporations.

Mr. Hall presented the claim of D. F. Burton, agent Adams Express Company ;

Also,

The claim of Garrett and Brady,

Which, on his motion,

Were referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Cochran gave notice that, on to-morrow or some future day, he would ask leave to introduce the following bills, viz :

“An act to change the time of moving in New Castle county from the 25th of March to the 1st of March ;”

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

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

"An act in relation to certain sums received in lieu of taxes.

The Speaker presented the invitation of Rev. P. Coombe, inviting the members of the General Assembly to be present in the M. E. Church, of Dover, on to-morrow, Tuesday evening, at 7½ o'clock, to hear a lecture to be delivered by him on the question of local option,

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. Hall, the invitation was accepted.

Mr. Cochran offered a joint resolution entitled,

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

Which, on his motion, was read,

And, upon his further motion,

Was *Adopted.*

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

"An act to regulate the time of moving in Kent county:"

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

TUESDAY, *February 27*, 1877—10 o'clock, A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

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

"An act to divorce J. Percy Robinett, from the bonds of matrimony,"

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

Mr. Ware, on behalf of the committee on Corporations, to whom was referred sundry bills,

Reported the following bills back to the House, viz:

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

“A further supplement to the act entitled ‘An act to incorporate the Duck Creek Improvement Company;’”

“An act to incorporate the Delaware State Grange Mutual Fire Insurance company;”

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

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

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

“An act to re-incorporate the town of St. George’s, and for other purposes;”

With an amendment,

With a recommendation that they do pass.

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

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

Reported the same back to the House,

With a recommendation that the bill pass.

Mr. Bird, on behalf of the committee on Divorces, to whom was referred sundry petitions, reported the following bills, viz:

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

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

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

“An act in relation to the salary of the State Treasurer,”

With a recommendation that the bill does not pass ;

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

Without recommendation ;

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

With an amendment ;

With a recommendation that the bill pass ;

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

“An act to amend Section 10 of Chapter 128 of the Revised Code ;”

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

With an amendment ;

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

With a recommendation that they do pass.

On motion of Mr. Robinson, the bill entitled,

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

Was read,

And, upon his further motion, the bill entitled,

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

Was read.

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

And, on motion of Mr. Morris,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to amend Chapter 192, Volume 15, Laws of Delaware,”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Messick, was read.

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

And, on motion of Mr. Burnite,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to provide a punishment for fraud,”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Wright, was read.

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

And, on motion of Mr. Robinson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

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

Which,

On motion of Mr. Ware, was read.

Mr. Ware presented the petition of H. C. Robinson,

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

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

And, on motion of Mr. Robinson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

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

Which,

On motion of Mr. Ware, was read.

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

And, on motion of Mr. Thompson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

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

Which,

On motion of Mr. Bird, was read.

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

And, on motion of Mr. Robinson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

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

Which,

On motion of Mr. Thompson, was read.

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

And, on motion of Mr. Thompson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

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

Which,

On motion of Mr. Mustard, was read,

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

And, on motion of Mr. Ware,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

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

Which,

On motion of Mr. Bird, was read.

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

And, on motion of Mr. Brown,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

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

Which,

On motion of Mr. Wright, was read.

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

And, on motion of Mr. Thompson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

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

Which,

On motion of Mr. Ware, was read.

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

And, on motion of Mr. Bird,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to amend the act to re-incorporate the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company of the State of Delaware, passed March 15, 1867,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Ware, was read.

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

And, on motion of Mr. Robinson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

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

Which,

On motion of Mr. Bird, was read.

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

And, on motion of Mr. Taylor,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

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

Which,

On motion of Mr. Brown, was read.

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

And, on motion of Mr. Rickards,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

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

Which,

On motion of Mr. Morris, was read.

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

And, on motion of Mr. Mustard,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

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

Which,

On motion of Mr. Cochran, was read.

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

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

And presented the same to the House.

On motion of Mr. Bird, the bill entitled,

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

Was read a second time by its title.

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

And, on motion of Mr. Thompson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

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

Which,

On motion of Mr. Ware, was read.

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

And, on motion of Mr. Mustard,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

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

Which,

On motion of Mr. Hall, was read.

Mr. Hall presented the petition of Doctor William Marshall and other physicians,

Which,

On motion of Mr. Hall, was filed with the bill.

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

And, on motion of Mr. Holcomb,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

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

Which,

On motion of Mr. Ware, was read.

Mr. Sharpley, a member of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the following House bill had been found duly and correctly enrolled, and had received the signature of the Speaker of the Senate, viz :

"An act to divorce J. Percy Robinett from the bonds of matrimony,"

And returned the same to the House.

Mr. Wright in pursuance of previous notice, asked,

And, on motion of Mr. Brown,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

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

Which,

On motion of Mr. Wright was read.

On motion of Mr. Cochran, the bill entitled,

"An act to prohibit live stock from running at large in School District No. 67, in New Castle county,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Roads and Highways.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the bill entitled,

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

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

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

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

Mr. Brown called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Cochran, Hall, Holcomb, Messick, Mustard, Rickards, Robinson, Saulsbury, Taylor, Thompson, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker—15.

Nays—Messrs. Brown, Morris and Slaughter—3.

The bill having received a majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

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

And, on motion of Mr. Thompson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

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

Which,

On motion of Mr. Robinson, was read.

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

SAME DAY—3 o'clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Wright, the bill entitled,

“An act to consolidate School Districts Nos. 20, 21 and 59, in Kent county,”

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

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

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

The question was decided in the negative,

And the first section was

Lost.

Mr. Holcomb moved,

That further consideration of the bill be indefinitely postponed,

Which motion

Prevailed.

And the further consideration of the bill,

Was

Indefinitely Postponed.

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

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

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

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

“An act transferring certain real estate belonging to Richbell Alaband from School District No. 21 to United School Districts Nos. 113 and 113½, in Kent county;”

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

And returned the same to the House.

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

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

"An act to incorporate the Newark Building and Loan Association ;"

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

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

"An act to renew and re-enact the Charter of St. Joseph's Beneficial Society of Brandywine, Delaware ;"

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

And presented the same to the House.

Also, that the Senate had concurred in the House Joint Resolution, entitled,

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

And returned the same to the House.

He also reported as being duly and correctly enrolled, signed by the Speaker of the Senate, and ready to receive the signature of the Speaker of the House, the following Senate bills and joint resolution, viz :

"A further supplement to the act entitled 'An act establishing a college for Agricultural and Mechanic Arts in this State ;' "

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

"An act authorizing the Levy Court Commissioners of Sussex county, of this State, to place snub posts on the bank of Broadkirk Creek, above and below the drawbridge ;"

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

"An act to lay out a private road in Milford Hundred, in Kent County ;" "

"An act for the redemption of State bonds ;"

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

And presented the same to the House.

And further, he returned to the House, the same having been signed by the Speaker of the Senate, the following duly and correctly enrolled House bills and joint resolution, viz :

"An act to incorporate the Diamond State Shoe and Leather Company ;"

"An act authorizing the Vestry of Saint John's Protestant Episcopal Church at Greenville, in Sussex County, to change and straighten a certain public road in Gumboro' hundred ;"

"An act to prohibit live stock from running at large in School District No. 75, and a portion of School District No. 118 ;"

"An act in relation to the Assessors and Road Commissioners of St. George's hundred, in New Castle county ;"

"A supplement to an act to incorporate the Peninsula Agricultural and Pomological Association, passed at Dover, January 22, 1875 ;"

"An act to amend the act entitled 'An act relating to School Districts Nos. 60, and 94, in New Castle county,' passed at Dover, January 29, 1877 ;"

"An act prohibiting live stock from running at large in School District No. 86, in New Castle county, Delaware ;"

"A supplement to the act entitled 'An act to consolidate School Districts Nos. 70, 102, 70½ and 102½, in Sussex county,' and for other purposes ;"

"Joint Resolution in relation to new business after Monday the 26th instant."

On motion of Mr. Bird, the bill entitled,

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

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Bird moved,

That the amendment reported from the committee be read,

Which motion

Prevailed,

And, upon his further motion,

Was

Adopted,

And, upon his further motion,

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

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

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Brown, Burnite, Cochran, Hall, Holcomb, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Rickards, Robinson, Saulsbury, Slaughter, Taylor, Thompson, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker—19.

Nays—None.

The bill having received the constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

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

"An act consolidating United School Districts No. 65 and 66, and United School Districts Nos. 42, 43, 68 and 70, in Kent county,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Robinson, the bill entitled,

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

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Messick, the bill entitled,

“An act to encourage Marriages at Home,”

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Messick offered an amendment,

Which, on his motion, was read,

Mr. Hall moved that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole, to consider the bill entitled,

“An act to encourage Marriages at Home,”

Which motion

Prevailed.

Mr. Brown, chairman of the committee of the Whole, reported progress.

Mr. Burnite moved that the committee of the Whole be discharged,

Which motion

Prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Messick,

The amendment was

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Messick,

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

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

Mr. Bartholomew called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Burnite, Holcomb, Messick, Mustard, Slaughter, Thompson and Wright—9.

Nays—Messrs. Cochran, Hall, Morris, Rickards, Robinson, Saulsbury, Taylor, Ware and Mr. Speaker—9.

The bill not having received a majority,

Was

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the bill entitled,

“An act to amend Section 10 of Chapter 128 of the Revised Code,”

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House..

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the bill entitled,

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

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

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

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

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

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

Nays—None.

The bill, having received the constitutional majority,

Passed the House..

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

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

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

Was read.

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

And, on motion of Mr. Holcomb,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

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

Which,

On motion of Mr. Ware, was read.

Mr. Wright offered a resolution,

Which was read, as follows :

Resolved, That the Clerk be, and he is hereby directed to receive and send to the committee on Local Option, all petitions on that subject,

Which, on motion of Mr. Wright,

Was

Adopted.

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

And, on motion of Mr. Holcomb,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

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

Which,

On motion of Mr. Ware, was read.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the bill entitled,

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

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

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

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

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

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

Nays—None.

The bill having received the constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Slaughter asked,

And obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the week.

On motion of Mr. Hall,

Rule 12 was suspended and the Senate bill entitled,

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

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Roads and Highways.

On motion of Mr. Burnite, the bill entitled,

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

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

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

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

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

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

Nays—None.

The bill having received the constitutional majority

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Ware, the bill entitled,

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

Was read a second time, by its title.

Mr. Wright moved to refer the bill to the committee on Local Option.

Mr. Holcomb moved to amend the motion by referring the bill to a special committee of five,

Which motion

Prevailed.

Mr. Bartholomew, on behalf of the committee to whom was referred the memorial of the Board of Trade of the city of Wilmington, in relation to beet sugar, reported a bill entitled,

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

Which, on his motion, was read.

Mr. Brown presented the petition of Ezekiel C. Frazer and others, in relation to the salary of the State Superintendent of Free Schools,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Cochran, on behalf of the committee on Education,

Reported a bill entitled,

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

Mr. Thompson moved,

That when the House adjourns, it adjourns to meet at 10 o'clock on Thursday morning,

Which motion

Prevailed.

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

And, on motion of Mr. Mustard,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

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

Which,

On motion of Mr. Cochran, was read.

Mr. Ware presented the petition of Buckingham & Co., and others, asking a change in the law attaching wages,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Ware presented the petition of Joseph Neederman and others, asking a change in the law regulating the sale of liquors,

Which, on his motion, was read,
 And referred to the special committee to which the bill entitled,
 "An act regulating the sale of spiritous, vinous or malt liquors,"
 Was referred.

Mr. Burnite moved, that the House do now adjourn,
 Which motion was

Lost.

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

Reported the following bills back to the House, viz :

"An act prohibiting live stock from running at large in School
 District No. 67, in New Castle County ;"

"An act to prohibit live stock from running at large in School Dis-
 tricts, Nos. 11 and 81, in Kent county ;"

"An act to prohibit stock from running at large in School District
 No. 96, in New Castle County,"

With a recommendation that they do pass.

On motion, the House adjourned until 10 o'clock, Thursday
 morning.

THURSDAY, *March 1*, 1877—10 o'clock, A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker being absent the Clerk called the House to order and
 informed the House of that fact.

On motion of Mr. Bird,

Mr. Robinson was elected Speaker *pro tempore*.

Mr. Robinson took the Chair ;

Prayer by the Chaplain.

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

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

“An act to amend Chapter 159 Current Volume, Delaware Laws, entitled ‘An act to incorporate the town of Lewes, and for other purposes,’ passed at Doyer, March 10, 1875;”

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

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

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

Also, the following House Joint Resolutions:

“Joint Resolution inviting Mr. Cæsar A. Rodney to read an historical paper before the General Assembly;”

“Joint Resolution appointing Directors for the Farmers’ Bank of the State of Delaware;”

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

Mr. Holcomb, from the joint committee on the part of the House on the Joint Resolution entitled,

“A Joint Resolution inviting Mr. Cæsar A. Rodney to read an historical paper before the General Assembly,”

Reported that Mr. Cæsar A. Rodney had accepted the invitation of the General Assembly, and would be present on Tuesday Evening, March 6, 1877.

Mr. Holcomb on the part of the joint committee to examine the account of the State Treasurer and Trustee of the School Fund made the following report, viz:

The joint committee to examine the accounts of the State Treasurer, and Trustee of the School Fund, and settle with that officer, respectfully submit that on the 8th day of February there remained

at the Philadelphia National Bank a balance to the credit of this State of \$8,840, and that on that day \$189,780 in cancelled coupons of the bonds of this State were delivered by that bank to the State Treasurer.

H. B. FIDDEMAN,
H. SHARPLEY,

Committee on the part of the Senate.

THOMAS HOLCOMB,
A. J. WRIGHT,
PETER ROBINSON,

Committee on the part of the House.

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

And, on motion of Mr. Mustard,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

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

Which,

On motion of Mr. Hall, was read.

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

And, on motion of Mr. Hall,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

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

Which,

On motion of Mr. Mustard, was read.

On motion of Mr. Bird, the bill entitled,

“An act to amend Section 3, Chapter 68 of the Revised Code,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Wright on behalf of the committee on Revised Statutes, to whom was referred the petition of John Lynch and others, in rela-