

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Brown, Burnite, Cochran, Hall, Holcomb, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Nicholson, 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. Ware, the bill entitled,

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

Was taken up for consideration.

On motion of Mr. Ware,

The amendments reported from the committee were read,

And, upon his further motion,

Were

Adopted.

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. Bird, 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.

Mr. Ware presented the remonstrance of Jos. G. Carpenter, Jr., and 1,035 others, against the repeal of the law creating the Board of Revision of Wilmington,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Wright moved that the Senate be requested to return to the House the House bill entitled,

"An act to establish a State Work-House for all persons convicted of crime and punishable with imprisonment,"

And, upon the question, "Shall the Senate be requested to return the bill?"

Mr. Bird called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Brown, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Rickards, Robinson, Slaughter, Taylor, Ware and Wright—10.

Nays—Messrs. Bird, Burnite, Cochran, Hall, Holcomb, Nicholson, Saulsbury, Thompson and Mr. Speaker—9.

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the motion to request the Senate to return the bill prevailed.

Mr. Mustard offered a Joint Resolution entitled,

"Joint Resolution concerning the historical narrative read by Mr. Cæsar A. Rodney,"

Which, on his motion, was read,

And, upon his further motion,

Was

Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

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

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

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Roads and Highways.

Mr. Burnite offered a joint resolution entitled,

"Joint Resolution authorizing the collection, from the United States, of any claim the State may have for arms and accoutrements taken by the United States authorities from any of the arsenals or officers or members of the militia companies of this State during the late war,"

Which, on his motion, was read,

And referred to the committee on Federal Relations.

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

"An act to establish a State Work House for all persons convicted of crime, punishable with imprisonment,"

As requested by the House.

Mr. Wright offered a Joint Resolution entitled,

"Joint Resolution authorizing certain persons named therein to apply to the Superior Court for an act of Incorporation,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Wright, was read,

And, upon his further motion,

Was

Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

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

"An act for the relief of the Idiotic Children of the State of Delaware,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Wright, the bill entitled,

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

Was taken up for consideration,

And upon his further motion,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Hall, the bill entitled,

"An act to divorce Sarah E. Hickman from her husband Caleb J. Hickman,"

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. Bird moved to take up for consideration the bill entitled,
 "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to amend Chapter III
 of the Revised Code,'"

Which motion

Prevailed.

Mr. Bird offered a substitute for the bill,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And, upon his further motion,

Was

Adopted.

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

Which motion

Prevailed.

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

Which motion

Prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Mustard, the bill entitled,

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

Was taken up for consideration,

And, on his further motion,

The amendments reported from the committee were read ;

And upon his further motion,

Were

Adopted.

Mr. Burnite moved to indefinitely postpone the bill,

Which motion was

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Mustard,

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

Mr. Holcomb moved, that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until the 4th day of July,

Which motion was *Lost.*

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

Which motion *Prevailed.*

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the bill entitled,

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

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Holcomb moved that the amendments reported from the committee be read,

Which motion *Prevailed.*

Mr. Messick on behalf of the minority of the special committee, to whom was referred the bill now under consideration, made a minority report,

Which on his motion was read.

Mr. Holcomb moved to suspend Rule 25 in order that the amendments might be read a second time.

Mr. Wright offered an amendment,

Which, on his motion, was read

On motion, the House adjourned until 7½ o'clock this evening.

SAME DAY—7½ o'clock P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Burnite moved that the bill entitled,

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

Be taken up for consideration,

Which motion *Prevailed.*

Mr. Holcomb moved to suspend rule 25 in order that the amendments may be read a second time.

And upon the question, "Shall rule 25 be suspended,

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Nays—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Cochran, Hall, Holcomb, Nicholson and Ware—7.

Yeas—Messrs. Brown, Burnite, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Richards, Robinson, Taylor, Thompson, Wright and Mr. Speaker—11.

The question not receiving the required majority was decided in the negative,

And the motion to suspend rule 25

Was *Lost.*

On motion of Mr. Holcomb the bill and amendments were laid on the table.

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

"A further additional supplement to the act entitled, 'An act to incorporate the Delaware Railroad Company,'"

Was read a second time, by its title,

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

Mr. Hall on behalf of the Special Committee, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

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

Reported the same back to the House,

With amendments.

On motion of Mr. Hall,

The bill was taken up for consideration,

And,

On motion of Mr. Hall, the amendments reported from the committee were read;

And, upon his further motion

Were

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Hall,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Burnite, on behalf of the joint committee on the part of the House appointed to audit the accounts of the Centennial Commissioners, made the following report :

The joint committee appointed to audit and examine the report of the State Centennial Commission respectfully present the following report :

Amount received from the State Treasurer as per original appropriation	\$2,000 00
Amount received from the State Treasurer as per joint resolution	1,151 09
Amount received from private contributions.....	568 05
Amount received from contributions raised by the firemen of Wilmington.....	1,242 64
Total.....	4,961 78
Total amount expended, for which vouchers have been presented.....	4,922 78
Unexpended balance, which has been returned to the Treasury	\$39 00

Your committee would recommend that the report of the State Centennial Commission made to this General Assembly, together with all books and papers belonging to said Commission, be filed in the office of the Secretary of State.

Your committee would further recommend the adoption of the following joint resolutions :

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Delaware in General Assembly met, That the thanks of this General Assembly be tendered the Centennial Commissioners of this State, of which the Hon. Joseph P. Comegys was President, and Leander F. Riddle, Esq., Secretary and Treasurer, for the judicious

and economical expenditure of the moneys entrusted to their charge, and for the faithful and successful manner in which their duties, as representatives of this State at the late Centennial Exhibition, have been performed.

And be it further resolved, That the thanks of this General Assembly be tendered the Firemen of the city of Wilmington for the valuable services rendered by them to the State Centennial Commission in the collection of funds for the erection of the State building.

JAMES H. RAY,
C. J. HARRINGTON,
Committee of Senate.

THOMAS HOLCOMB,
WILBUR H. BURNITE,
PETER ROBINSON,
Com. on part of the House.

On motion of Mr. Mustard,

The report of the committee and the joint resolution entitled,

“Joint resolution acknowledging the services of the Centennial Commissioners and Firemen of the city of Wilmington,”

Were *Adopted.*

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Burnite offered a Joint Resolution entitled,

“Joint Resolution appointing Hon. Joseph P. Comegys to make arrangements with the Permanent Exhibition at Philadelphia, in relation to certain property,”

Which, on his motion, was read,

And, upon his further motion,

Was *Adopted.*

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the bill entitled,

“An act to amend a Chapter herein named,”

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Holcomb offered an amendment,

Which, on his motion, was read,
 And, upon his further motion,
 Was

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb,
 The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs,
 And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Wright, the bill entitled,

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

Was 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. Hall, the Senate bill entitled,

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

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Hall moved,

That the amendment reported from the committee be read,

Which motion

Prevailed.

And the amendments were read as follows :

Amend the bill by adding as follows :

SECTION 2. If, in the opinion of the engineer in charge of the Fourth Light House District, for the time being, it shall be deemed advisable in constructing said road to deviate from the course thereof, as laid down by the commissioners aforesaid, it shall be lawful to make any necessary deviation from said course, *provided* the assent of the owners of the land and marsh over which the said deviation may pass, shall first have been obtained thereto.

SECTION 3. The road as built under the provisions of this act shall be deemed and taken as a common highway, and this act shall be deemed and taken as a public act, and shall be published as such.

And, upon his further motion,

The amendments were

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Hall, the bill as amended,

Was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

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

"A supplement to an act entitled, an act to incorporate the Brandywine Water Power Company, passed at Dover Feb. 12, 1867,"

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

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

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Burnite, Cochran, Hall, Holcomb, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Nicholson, Rickards, Robinson, Thompson, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker—15.

Nays—None.

The bill having received the constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Rickards moved,

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

Which motion

Prevailed.

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

Which motion was

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Cochran, the bill entitled,

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

Was taken up for consideration.

On motion of Mr. Cochran,

The Senate amendment was read as follows :

IN SENATE, *March 8, 1877.*

Amend Section two, (2), by striking out all of Section two after the word "duplicates," in the eighth line, and insert in lieu thereof, "this act shall not apply to duplicates now in the hands of collectors. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby amended."

For concurrence.

Extract from Journal.

MERRIS TAYLOR,
Clerk of Senate.

Mr. Cochran moved,

That the House non-concur in the Senate amendment,

Which motion *Prevailed.*

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

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

Be now put upon its final passage,

Which motion *Prevailed.*

And the bill *Passed the House.*

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

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

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

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. Mustard, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

On motion of Mr. Bartholomew, the bill entitled,

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

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

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

Mr. Robinson called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Brown, Burnite, Cochran, Hall, Holcomb, Mustard, Nicholson, Saulsbury, Taylor, Ware and Mr. Speaker—13.

Nays—Messrs. Messick, Morris, Rickards, Robinson, Thompson and Mr. Wright—6.

The bill having received a majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

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

“An act to incorporate the American Basket Company of New Britain, Connecticut,”

Was read.

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

And, on motion of Mr. Robinson,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to regulate the appropriations of money by the Levy Court of Sussex county, to the incorporated towns in Sussex county,”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Morris, was read.

On motion of Mr. Cochran, the bill entitled,

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

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 amend Chapter 24, of the revenue of the State, Volume 14, Laws of Delaware,”

And presented the same to the House ;

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

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

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

And returned the same to the House ;

Also, that the Senate had agreed to the request of the House for the appointment of a committee of conference on the disagreement between the two Houses in regard to the Senate amendment to the House

“Joint Resolution respecting the Historical Society of Delaware,”

And had appointed Messrs. Fiddeman, Davis and Hopkins as the said committee on the part of the Senate.

Also, that the Senate had concurred in the House amendment to the Senate joint resolution adjourning both Houses *sine die*.

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

"An act to authorize the vacation of a portion of a certain public road in Mispillion hundred in Kent county, and to substitute a new road to be constructed in lieu of the part of the said public road so vacated,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Roads and Highways.

Mr. Wright, on behalf of the committee on Revised Statutes, to whom was referred the petition of citizens of this State, praying a law to prohibit the catching of fish for exportation,

Reported a bill entitled,

"An act in relation to fishing, and to prohibit the catching of fish for exportation,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Wright was read.

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

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

Reported the same back to the House with amendments.

On motion of Mr. Mustard,

The bill was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Mustard moved the amendments be read,

Which motion

Prevailed,

And, on his further motion,

The amendments were

Adopted.

Mr. Mustard moved,

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

Which motion

Prevailed.

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs,

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

Mr. Burnite moved,

To postpone the further consideration of the bill until Tuesday next, and that the bill be made the special order for 3 o'clock in the afternoon,

Which motion

Prevailed.

And the bill was made the special order for 3 o'clock, on Tuesday next.

Mr. Rickards moved,

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

Which motion

Prevailed.

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

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

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

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

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

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

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

Nays—None.

The bill having received the constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

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

Which motion was

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Cochran, the Senate bill entitled,
 "An act to amend Chapter 353, Volume 14, Delaware Laws,"
 Was taken up for consideration.

On motion of Mr. Cochran,

The amendment reported from the committee was read as follows,
 viz :

Amend Section 1 by striking out the word "are," in third line,
 and insert in lieu thereof the word "is."

Which, on motion of Mr. Cochran,

Was

Adopted.

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

Which motion

Prevailed,

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

And

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Brown moved that the House do now adjourn;

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

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Brown, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Nicholson, Rick-
 ards, Robinson, Taylor, Ware and Wright—10.

Nays—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Burnite, Cochran, Hall, Hol-
 comb, Saulsbury, Thompson and Mr. Speaker—9.

The question was decided in the affirmative,

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

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

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

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

“An act to incorporate the American Basket Company of New Britain, Connecticut,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

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

And on motion of Mr. Ware,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to incorporate the Delaware State Fire and Marine Insurance Company,”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Bird, was read.

On motion of Mr. Bird,

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

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Morris, the bill entitled,

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

Was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Lost.

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

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

Reported the same back to the House, with amendments.

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

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Ware moved,

That the amendments reported from the committee be read,

Which motion *Prevailed.*

And, upon his further motion,

Were *Adopted..*

And, upon his further motion,

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

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

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

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

Nays—None.

The bill having received the constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Rickards, the bill entitled,

"An act in relation to fishing and to prohibit the catching of fish for exportation,"

Was read a second time by its title.

On motion of Mr. Morris, the bill entitled,

"An act to regulate the appropriating of money by the Levy Court of Sussex county to the incorporated towns in Sussex county,"

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 authorizing the State Treasurer to receive any
 moneys due this State, on account of its subscription to the stock of
 the United States Centennial International Exhibition,"

Was read,

And, upon his further motion,

The resolution was

Concurred in.

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 bills and
 joint resolutions, viz :

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

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

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

"Joint resolution authorizing certain persons named therein to
 apply to the Superior Court for an act of incorporation ;"

"Joint resolution appointing Hon. Joseph P. Comégy's to make
 arrangements with the Permanent Exhibition at Philadelphia in rela-
 tion to certain property ;"

"Joint Resolution concerning the historical narrative read by Mr.
 Cæsar A. Rodney."

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

"An act to incorporate the Panama Transit Steamship Company ;"

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

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

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

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

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

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

And returned the same to the House.

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

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

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

“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,”

And returned the same to the House.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the bill entitled,

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

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Holcomb moved the adoption of the amendments reported from the committee ;

Upon the question, “Shall the amendments be adopted?”

Mr. Morris called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Cochran, Hall, Holcomb, Nicholson, Saulsbury and Ware—8.

Nays—Messrs. Brown, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Rickards, Taylor, Thompson, Wright and Mr. Speaker—9.

The question was decided in the negative,

And the motion to adopt the amendments was *Lost*.

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

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

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

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

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

Also, the following House bills and Joint Resolutions, viz :

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

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

“Joint Resolution appointing Hon. Joseph P. Comegys to make arrangements with the Permanent Exhibition at Philadelphia, in relation to certain property;”

“Joint Resolution concerning the Historical Narrative, read by Mr. Cæsar A. Rodney;”

“Joint Resolution authorizing certain persons named therein to apply to the Superior Court for an act of Incorporation,”

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 petition of Ezekiel C. Frazer and others, asking that the salary of the State Superintendent of Free Schools be reduced,

Reported the same back to the House with a recommendation that it be delivered to the Senate, the bill now being in the possession of that body;

Also, the Senate bill entitled,

“An act for the relief of the Idiotic Children of the State of Delaware,”

With a recommendation that the bill pass.

Mr. Morris, on behalf of the committee on Roads and Highways, to whom was referred the following Senate bills, viz :

"An act to authorize the vacation of a portion of a certain public road in Mispillion hundred, in Kent county, and to substitute a new road to be constructed in lieu of the part of the said public road so vacated,"

With amendments ;

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

And returned the same back to the House,

With a recommendation that they do pass.

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

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

Asked that the same be transferred to the special committee to whom was referred the bill entitled,

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

Also, that the Senate bill, entitled,

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

Also, the House bill entitled,

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

And asked that the same be transferred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Bartholomew presented the claim of Isaac N. Grubb,

Which, on his motion,

Was referred to the committee on Claims.

Mr. Brown presented the claim of Messrs. Stevenson & Slaughter,

Which, on motion of Mr. Brown,

Was referred to the committee on Claims.

Mr. Ware presented the claim of George O'Byrne & Co.,

Which, on his motion,

Was referred to the committee on Claims.

Mr. Wright presented the bill of David Chipman,

Which, on his motion,

Was referred to the committee on Accounts.

On motion of Mr. Mustard, the bill entitled,

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

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Mustard offered an amendment,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And, on his further motion,

Was

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Mustard,

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

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

The yeas and nays, were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Brown, Hall, Messick, Mustard, Rickards, Saulsbury, Taylor, Thompson, Wright and Mr. Speaker—10.

Nays—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Burnite, Morris and Nicholson—5.

The bill not having received the constitutional majority,

Was

Lost.

Mr. Wright presented the bill of James Cowgill & Son,

Which, on his motion,

Was referred to the committee on Accounts.

Mr. Cochran moved,

That a committee of Conference of three be appointed on the disagreement between the two Houses upon the bill entitled,

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

Which motion

Prevailed.

Whereupon,

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

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

"An act to incorporate Jamison's Branch Ditch Company,"

Was read,

And, upon his further motion,

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

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Mustard, the bill entitled,

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

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Mustard offered an amendment,

Which on his motion, was read,

And, upon his further motion,

Was

Adopted.

Mr. Mustard offered an additional amendment,

Which, on his motion, was read.

Mr. Mustard moved, the adoption of the amendment,

Which motion was

Lost.

Mr. Mustard moved,

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

Which motion

Prevailed.

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

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

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

Nays—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Brown, Burnite, Cochran, Hall, Holcomb, Morris, Rickards, Saulsbury, Thompson, Wright and Mr. Speaker—13.

The question was decided in the negative,
And Section 1 of the bill was

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Rickards,
The further consideration of the bill,
Was

Indefinitely Postponed.

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

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

Reported the same back to the House,
With a recommendation that the bill pass.

On motion of Mr. Mustard, the 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,”

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Mustard offered sundry amendments,
Which, on his motion, were read,

And, upon his further motion,

Were

Adopted.

Mr. Mustard moved,

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

Which motion

Prevailed.

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. Burnite, Nicholson, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker—5.

Nays—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Cochran, Hall, Holcomb, Morris, Mustard, Rickards, Saulsbury and Thompson—10.

The bill not having received a majority

Was

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Wright, the bill entitled,

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

Was taken up for consideration.

On motion of Mr. Wright, the Senate amendment was read as follows :

IN SENATE, *March 14, 1877.*

Amend the bill by inserting in sixth line after the word company the following words : "In any year when the managers do not levy, raise and collect a tax."

For concurrence.

Extract from Journal.

MERRIS TAYLOR,

Clerk of Senate.

Which, on his motion,

Was

Concurred in.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

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

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

Was read a second time by its title.

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Mustard, the bill entitled,
 "An act to establish a Normal Department in Delaware College,"
 Was put upon its final passage ;

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

The question was decided in the negative,

And Section 1 was

Lost.

Mr. Bartholomew moved,

That the further consideration of the bill be indefinitely postponed,

Which motion was

Lost.

And upon the question, "Shall that be Section 6 of the bill?"

The question was decided in the negative,

And Section 6 was

Lost.

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

Which motion

Prevailed.

Mr. Holcomb offered a Joint Resolution entitled,

"Joint Resolution providing for the negotiation of five per cent.
 bonds to redeem bonds of 1865,"

Which, on his motion, was read,

And, on his further motion,

Was

Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

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

SAME DAY—3 o'clock P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker announced that the bill entitled,

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

Being the special order for 3 o'clock, was now before the House upon its final passage,

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

Mr. Wright called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Brown, Burnite, Cochran, Hall, Holcomb, Messick, Mustard, Robinson, Saulsbury, Thompson and Mr. Speaker—12.

Nays—Messrs. Morris, Nicholson, Rickards, Taylor, Ware and Wright—6.

The bill having received a 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 passed and requested the concurrence of the House in the following Senate bill, viz :

“An act authorizing the Governor to appoint an additional Notary Public for White Clay Creek hundred, New Castle county,”

And presented the same to the House ;

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

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

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

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

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

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

"An act to provide a punishment for fraud;"

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

"An act in relation to the lien of tax;"

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

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

"An act to revive, re-enact and amend the act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Gum Branch Ditch Company, of Sussex county, Delaware,' passed at Dover, February 15, 1866;"

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

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

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

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

With amendments;

And the concurrence of the House in said amendments, is requested.

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

"Joint resolution acknowledging the services of the Centennial Commissioners and Firemen of the city of Wilmington,"

And returned the same to the House.

The Senate has concurred in the House amendments to the following Senate bills, viz:

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

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

And returned the same to the House ;

Also, that the Senate adheres to the Senate amendments to the House bill, entitled,

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

And has appointed Messrs. Davis, Ray and Denny, as a committee of conference, on the part of the Senate, and requests the appointment of a similar committee on the part of the House.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"An act to amend Chapter 55 of the Revised Code ;"

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Also, presented the following Senate bills which had been found duly and correctly enrolled, and had received the signature of the Speaker of the Senate, viz :

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

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

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

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

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

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

"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;"

"Joint Resolution appointing a State Librarian and Custodian of the State and Capitol Building ;"

"Joint Resolution appointing a day for the adjournment of both Houses of the General Assembly, *sine die*,"

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

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

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

Reported the same back to the House, with amendments.

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

Was taken up for consideration.

And, upon his further motion,

The amendments reported from the committee were read.

Mr. Ware moved the adoption of the amendments,

Which motion

Prevailed.

And, upon his further motion,

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

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

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Brown, Burnite, Cochran, Hall, Holcomb, Messick, Mustard, Nicholson, Rickards, Robinson, 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. Taylor, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had concurred in the House joint resolution entitled,

“Joint resolution providing for the negotiation of five per cent. bonds to redeem bonds of 1865,”

With an amendment, and returned the same to the House ;

Also, that the Senate requested the return to the Senate the House 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,”

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

“An act to divorce Samuel S. Hearn and Georgiana Hearn, from the bonds of matrimony,”

And presented the same to the House ;

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

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

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

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

Mr. Holcomb moved, that the House Joint Resolution entitled,

"Joint Resolution providing for the negotiation of five per cent. bonds to redeem bonds of 1865,"

Be taken up for consideration,

Which motion

Prevailed.

And, upon his further motion,

The Senate amendment was read as follows :

IN SENATE, *March 20, 1877.*

Amend the Joint Resolution by increasing the committee to five members, two on the part of the Senate and three on the part of the House.

For concurrence.

Extract from Journal.

MERRIS TAYLOR,

Clerk of Senate.

And, on motion of Mr. Holcomb,

The amendment was

Concurred in.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

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

"An act to authorize the vacation of a portion of a certain public road in Mispillion hundred in Kent county, and to substitute a new road to be constructed in lieu of the part of the said public road so vacated,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

The amendments reported from the committee were read as follows :

Amend the bill in Section 1 in line eight, between the words "and" and "locate" by inserting the following words: "If they deem it necessary."

Add the following as an additional section to the bill :

SECTION 4. That the commissioners appointed by Section 1 of this act shall receive for their services the sum of \$2.00 per day, which shall be paid by the Town Commissioners of the town of Harrington. In case of the death of any of the said commissioners appointed by Sec-

tion 1 before the performance of the duties by said Section imposed upon them, or in the event of the incapacity or inability of them to perform such duties, the remaining commissioners shall appoint another or others in his or their place, and the said commissioners shall meet, view the premises and complete the duties as prescribed by Section 1, within thirty days from and after the passage of this act.

And, on his further motion,

The amendments were

Adopted.

And, upon his further motion,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Robinson moved that the bill entitled,

“An act authorizing and empowering School Committee of School District No. 161 in Sussex county, to raise one hundred and fifty dollars and for other purposes;”

Be returned to the Senate, as requested by that body,

Which motion

Prevailed.

And Mr. Robinson was instructed to return the same to the Senate.

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

“An act to divorce Samuel S. Hearn and Georgiana Hearn, from the bonds of matrimony,”

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the bill entitled,

“An act to suppress vagrancy,”

Was taken up and referred to the special committee raised on that subject.

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

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

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,

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

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

Mr. Messick moved to reconsider the vote by which the sections were adopted,

Which motion *Prevailed,*

And, on his further motion,

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

And, upon his further motion,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Hall moved,

To suspend rule 12 during the session,

And upon the question, "Shall rule 12 be suspended during the session?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Burnite, Cochran, Hall, Holcomb, Nicholson, Saulsbury, Thompson, and Ware—10.

Nays—Messrs. Messick, Morris, Mustard, Rickards, Robinson, Taylor and Wright—7.

The motion not having received the required majority,

Was *Lost.*

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

"An act to incorporate the American Basket Company of New Britain, Connecticut;"

"An act to incorporate the Jamison Branch Ditch Company;"

"A further additional supplement to the act entitled, 'An act to incorporate the Delaware Railroad Company;' "

"An act to incorporate the Milford, Milton and Rehoboth Railroad Company, and for other purposes ;"

"An act to incorporate the Delaware State Fire and Marine Insurance Company,"

Reported the same back to the House,
With a recommendation that they do pass.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the bill entitled,
"An act regulating the sale of spiritous, vinous or malt liquors,"
Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Burnite offered several amendments,
Which, on his motion, were read.

Mr. Burnite moved to read the amendments by sections in order to their adoption ;

Mr. Holcomb moved to suspend Rule 12 that the amendments might be read by sections with a view to their adoption,

Which motion was *Lost.*

Mr. Holcomb offered an amendment to the amendment,
Which, on his motion, was read.

Mr. Holcomb moved to adopt the amendment to the amendment,
And, upon the question, " Shall the amendment to the amendment be adopted ?"

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

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

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

The question was decided in the affirmative,
And the amendment to the amendment was *Adopted.*

Mr. Messick offered an amendment to the amendment,
Which, on his motion, was read.

Mr. Messick moved the adoption of the amendment to the amendment,

Which motion was

Lost.

Mr. Holcomb moved, that the bill and amendments be laid on the table,

Which motion

Prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Cochran, the bill entitled,

"An act for the relief of the Idiotic Children of the State of Delaware,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

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

And, on motion of Mr. Robinson,

Obtained 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,'"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Mustard, was read,

And, upon his further motion,

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

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

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

"An act authorizing the Governor to appoint an additional Notary Public for White Clay Creek Hundred, in New Castle county,"

Was read:

On motion of Mr. Mustard,

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

And referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Messick, the bill entitled,

"A supplement to the act entitled, 'An act to incorporate the Rehoboth Beach Camp Meeting Association,' passed at Dover, January 27, 1873,"

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Messick offered an amendment,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And upon his further motion,

Was

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Messick,

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

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

The question was decided in the negative,

And Section 1 was

Lost.

And, upon the question, "Shall that be Section 2 of the bill?"

The question was decided in the negative,

And section 2 of the bill was

Lost,

"And upon the question, "Shall that be section 3 of the bill?"

The question was decided in the negative,

And Section 3 of the bill was

Lost.

Mr. Hall moved,

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

Which motion

Prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Ware, the bill entitled,

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

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, Burnite, Cochran, Hall, Holcomb, Nicholson, Thompson, Ware and Mr. Speaker—10.

Nays—Messrs. Brown, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Rickards, Robinson and Taylor—7.

The bill having received a majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Burnite, Mr. Wright was excused from voting.

Mr. Hall offered a joint resolution entitled,

"Joint Resolution appointing Charles J. Harrington to purchase coal, wood and stationary, &c., for the next session of the General Assembly,"

Which, on his motion, was read,

And, on his further motion,

Was

Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Wright offered a Joint Resolution entitled,

"Joint Resolution to defray the incidental expenses in the defense of the suit in the Supreme Court of the United States, between the State of New Jersey and the State of Delaware, on the question of jurisdiction over certain portions of the Delaware river,"

Which, on his motion, was read, and laid on the table.

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

WEDNESDAY, *March 21*, 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, as duly and correctly enrolled, viz :

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

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

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

"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 in relation to taxation in certain parts of the city of Wilmington ;"

"An act to incorporate the Bradford Paint Company ;"

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

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

"An act to amend Section 3 of the act entitled, 'An act to raise revenue and provide for the current expenses of the State Government,' passed at Dover, March 22, 1867 ;"

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

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

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

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

"An act to incorporate the Delaware State Grange Mutual Fire Insurance Company ;"

“Joint Resolution authorizing the State Treasurer to pay the members of this General Assembly their per diem and mileage in gold coin or its equivalent in currency;”

“Joint resolution authorizing the Governor to employ counsel in certain cases ;”

Also, the following Senate bills :

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mr. Burnite on behalf of the committee on Federal Relations, to whom was referred the Joint Resolution entitled,

“Joint Resolution authorizing the collection, from the United States, of any claim the State may have for arms and accoutrements taken by the United States authorities from any of the arsenals or officers or members of the militia companies of this State during the late war,”

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

And, on motion of Mr. Burnite,

The resolution was read and

Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Wright, on behalf of the committee on Revised Statutes, to whom was referred the following House bills, viz :

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

"An act to regulate the appropriating of money by the Levy Court of Sussex county to the incorporated towns in Sussex county,"

With a recommendation that they do pass.

"An act to repeal Chapter 14, Laws of Delaware,"

With an amendment ;

"An act in relation to fishing, and to prohibit the catching of fish for exportation ;"

Also, the following Senate bills :

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

"An act authorizing the Governor to appoint an additional Notary Public for White Clay Creek hundred, New Castle county,"

With a recommendation that they do pass.

Mr. Nicholson, on behalf of the special committee to whom was referred the petitions of persons in this State asking local option,

Reported adversely to the prayer of the petitioners,

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

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

"An act to incorporate the American Basket Company of New Britain, Connecticut,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

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

Pending the reading of the bill a third time,

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

Which motion

Prevailed.

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

"An act to incorporate the Milford, Milton and Rohoboth Railroad Company, and for other purposes,"

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Messick offered an amendment,

Which, on his motion, was read as follows :

And, be it further enacted that no State aid shall be asked for, and in the event it should be, the charter is hereby revoked to all intents and purposes,

Which, on his further motion,

Was

Adopted.

Mr. Mustard moved,

That the amendments reported by the committee be read.

Mr. Burnite moved,

That the bill be indefinitely postponed,

Which motion

Prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Wright, the bill entitled,

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

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Burnite moved,

To read the amendments by sections with the view to their adoption,

Which motion

Prevailed.

And Section 1 was read and

Adopted.

And, upon the question, “Shall Section 2 be adopted?”

Mr. Morris called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

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

Nays—Messrs. Brown, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Rickards, Saulsbury, Slaughter, Taylor, Thompson and Wright—10.

The question not receiving a majority,

Section 2 was

Lost.

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

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

Mr. Bartholomew called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

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

Nays—Messrs. Brown, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Rickards, Saulsbury, Slaughter, Taylor, Thompson and Wright—10.

The question not having received a majority,

The motion to lay the bill on the table,

Was

Lost.

Mr. Messick moved,

That the further consideration of the bill be indefinitely postponed,

And, upon the question, “Shall the further consideration of the bill be indefinitely postponed?”

Mr. Brown called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Brown, Burnite, Messick, Mustard, Rickards and Slaughter—6.

Nays—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Cochran, Hall, Holcomb, Morris, Nicholson, Robinson, Saulsbury, Taylor, Thompson, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker—14.

The question was decided in the negative,

And the motion to indefinitely postpone the bill

Was

Lost.

Mr. Wright moved to read Section 3 of the amendment ;

Mr. Robinson moved to postpone the further consideration of the bill until to-morrow afternoon ;

Mr. Holcomb moved to amend the motion by making it until this afternoon,

And, upon the question, “Shall the motion be amended?”

Mr. Holcomb called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Burnite, Hall, Nicholson, Robinson, Taylor and Mr. Speaker—8.

Nays—Messrs. Brown, Cochran, Holcomb, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Rickards, Saulsbury, Slaughter, Thompson, Ware and Wright—12.

The question was decided in the negative,

And the motion to amend the motion was *Lost.*

Mr. Wright moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow morning,

And, upon the question, “Shall the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow morning?”

Mr. Wright called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Burnite, Hall, Robinson, Saulsbury, Taylor, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker—9.

Nays—Messrs. Bartholomew, Brown, Cochran, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Nicholson, Rickards, Slaughter and Thompson—10.

The question was decided in the negative,

The motion to postpone the bill until to-morrow,

Was *Lost.*

Mr. Thompson moved,

That the vote by which the amendment reported from the committee, was lost, be reconsidered.

The Speaker ruled that the amendment was out of order.

Mr. Holcomb appealed from the decision of the chair;

And, upon the question, “Shall the decision of the chair be sustained?”

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the decision of the chair was sustained.

Mr. Holcomb moved,

To postpone the further consideration of the bill until this afternoon,

And, upon the question, "Shall the further consideration of the bill be postponed until this afternoon?"

Mr. Cochran called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

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

Nays—Messrs. Brown, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Rickards, Saulsbury, Slaughter and Wright—8.

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the further consideration of the bill was postponed until this afternoon.

Mr. Holcomb, on behalf of the committee of Conference, on the disagreement of the two Houses on the Joint Resolution respecting the Historical Society of Delaware, reported as follows :

The Conference committee on the disagreement of the two Houses on the Joint Resolution respecting the Historical Society of Delaware, respectfully recommend that the House of Representatives concur in the Senate amendment to said resolution.

H. B. FIDDEMAN,
HENRY DAVIS,
JAMES A. HOPKINS,
Com. of Senate.

THOMAS HOLCOMB,
W. H. BURNITE,
PETER ROBINSON,
Com. of House.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb,

The report of the conference committee was *Adopted.*

On motion of Mr. Robinson, the bill entitled,

"An act in relation to fishing and to prohibit the catching of fish for exportation,"

Was taken up for consideration.

On motion of Mr. Robinson,

The amendments reported from the committee were read,

And, on 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.

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

“Joint resolution to defray the incidental expenses in the defence of the suit in the Supreme Court of the United States between the State of New Jersey and the State of Delaware on the question of jurisdiction over certain portions of the Delaware River,”

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

Was read,

And, on his further motion,

The resolution was

Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

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

“An act to divorce Samuel S. Hearn and Georgiana Hearn, from the bonds of matrimony,”

Was read a second time by its title,

And referred to the committee on Divorces.

Mr. Bird presented the claim of J. B. Pennington, Esq.,

Which, on his motion,

Was referred to the committee on Claims.

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. Bird, the bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Delaware State Fire and Marine Insurance Company,"

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

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

The yeas and nays, were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Brown, Burnite, Hall, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Nicholson, Robinson, Saulsbury, Slaughter, Taylor, Ware and Wright—14.

Nays—Messrs. Bartholomew, Rickards, Thompson and Mr. Speaker—4.

The bill having received the constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

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

"Joint resolution empowering the Governor to protect citizens of this State now under indictment in the District Court of the United States,"

Was taken up for consideration.

On motion of Mr. Ware,

The Senate amendment was read as follows :

IN SENATE, *March 20, 1877.*

Amend the resolution by striking out all after the clause of resolution and substitute the following :

That the Governor may, in his discretion, employ counsel to defend any person or persons now under indictment in the District Court of the United States at Wilmington, charged with interfering

with United States Marshals on the day of the last general election, and who were on that day acting in the capacity of peace officers. And he is hereby authorized and empowered to draw upon the State Treasurer for a reasonable compensation for any service that may be rendered under his discretion.

For concurrence.

Extract from Journal.

MERRIS TAYLOR,
Clerk of Senate.

And, on motion of Mr. Ware,

The amendment was

Concurred in.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

On motion of Mr. Robinson, the bill entitled,

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

Was taken up for consideration.

On motion of Mr. Robinson,

The amendment reported from the committee was read,

And, upon his further motion,

Was

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Robinson,

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. Rickards called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

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

Nays—Messrs. Brown, Morris and Rickards—3.

The bill having received a majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Hall, the bill entitled,
 "An act regulating the sale of spiritous, vinous and malt liquors,"
 Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Wright moved,

That the vote by which the second section of the amendment was
 lost be reconsidered,

Which motion *Prevailed.*

Mr. Hall offered an amendment as Section 2.

Mr. Hall moved,

That Section 2 be *Adopted.*

And, upon the question, "Shall that be Section 2 of the amend-
 ment?"

Mr. Morris called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Hall, Holcomb, Messick, Nich-
 olson, Robinson, Slaughter, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker—11.

Nays—Messrs. Burnite, Morris, Rickards, Saulsbury, Taylor and
 Thompson—6.

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And Section 2 of the amendment was *Adopted.*

Mr. Hall offered an amendment as Section 3,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And, upon his further motion,

The amendment was *Adopted.*

Mr. Burnite offered an amendment as Section 4,

Which, on his motion, was read.

Mr. Burnite moved the adoption of the amendment,

And, upon the question, "Shall that be Section 4 of the amend-
 ment?"

Mr. Burnite called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Brown, Burnite, Holcomb, Messick, Nicholson, Robinson, Saulsbury, Slaughter, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker—13.

Nays—Messrs. Hall, Morris, Rickards, Taylor and Thompson—5.

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And Section 4 was

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Hall,

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

And, upon the question, "Shall that be Section 2 of the bill?"

Mr. Morris called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Brown, Burnite, Hall, Holcomb, Messick, Nicholson, Robinson, Slaughter, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker—13.

Nays—Messrs. Morris, Rickards, Saulsbury and Taylor—4.

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And Section 2 was

Adopted.

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, Robinson, Slaughter, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker—13.

Nays—Messrs. Morris, Rickards, Saulsbury and Taylor—4.

The bill having received a majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Hall, the bill entitled,

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

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Hall offered several amendments,

Which, on his motion, were read.

And, upon his further motion,

The amendments were

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Hall,

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, Hall, Holcomb, Messick, Nicholson, Saulsbury, Taylor, Thompson, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker—13.

Nays—Messrs. Morris, Mustard and Rickards—3.

The bill not having received the constitutional majority,

Was

Lost.

Mr. Messick moved that the bill entitled,

"An act proposing an amendment to the Constitution in relation to the election of officers,"

Be read a second time by its title,

Which motion was

Lost.

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

"A further additional supplement to the act entitled, 'An act to incorporate the Delaware Railroad Company,'"

Was read 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, Hall, Holcomb, Messick,

Mustard, Nicholson, Rickards, Robinson, Saulsbury, Taylor, Thompson, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker—16.

Nays—None.

The bill, having received the constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

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

“An act to incorporate the Nonsuch Marsh Company ;”

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

With an amendment ;

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

“Joint resolution appointing Charles J. Harrington to purchase coal, wood, stationery, &c.,”

And returned the same to the House.

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

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

“An act to establish a State Work-House for all persons convicted of crime and punishable with imprisonment ;”

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

And returned the same to the House.

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

“An act to authorize the vacation of a portion of a certain public road in Mispillion hundred in Kent county, and to substitute a new

road to be constructed in lieu of the part of the said public road so vacated."

Also, that the Senate has adopted report of conference committee on the disagreement between the two Houses on the House bill entitled,

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

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

"An act to repeal Chapters 300 and 615 of the 11th Volume of the Laws of this State,"

And presented the same to the House.

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

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

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

"Joint resolution appointing Hon. Joseph P. Comegys to make arrangements with the Permanent Exhibition at Philadelphia in relation to certain property ;"

"Joint Resolution concerning the historical narrative read by Mr. Cæsar A. Rodney ;"

"Joint resolution authorizing certain persons named therein to apply to the Superior Court for an act of incorporation,"

And returned the same to the House ;

On motion of Mr. Brown, the bill entitled,

"An act to suppress vagrancy,"

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Holcomb offered an amendment,

Which, on his motion, was read,

And, upon his further motion

Was

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

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

Which, on his motion, was read,

And referred to the committee on Claims.

Mr. Burnite presented the claim of Wm. Hunter,

Which, on his motion,

And referred to the committee on Claims.

Mr. Wright, on behalf of the committee to whom was referred the petition of citizens of New Castle, in relation to the destruction of partridges and rabbits, reported a bill entitled,

“An act to prohibit the shooting or trapping of Partridges or Rabbits during the year 1877, in New Castle county,”

Which, on his motion, was read.

On motion of Mr. Wright,

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

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

“An act to repeal and supply Chapter 437, 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. Holcomb,

The report of the Conference committee in relation to the disagreement between the two Houses, on the bill entitled,

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

Reported as follows :

The Conference committee, to whom was referred the disagreement of the two Houses to the amendments of the Senate to the House bill entitled,

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

Report that they have agreed that the Senate recede from their amendment, and amend the bill by adding thereto, the following to wit :

SECTION 3. This act shall apply to the collectors in Appoquinimink and Blackbird hundreds, in New Castle county, for the years of 1876 and 1877, and each and every year thereafter.

HENRY DAVIS,
J. H. RAY,
J. FRANK DENNY,

Com. of Senate.

THOMAS HOLCOMB,
THOMAS BIRD,
E. R. COCHRAN,

Com. of House.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb,

The report of the committee was

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Wright, the bill entitled,

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

Was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

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

"An act to authorize the Governor to appoint an additional Notary Public for White Clay Creek Hundred, in New Castle county,"

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, Hall, Holcomb, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Nicholson, Rickards, Robinson, Saulsbury, Taylor, Thompson, Ware and Mr. Speaker—16.

Nays—None.

The bill having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Mustard moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill entitled,

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

Was lost,

Which motion

Prevailed.

Mr. Mustard moved that the bill be now put upon its final passage,

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

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

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

Nays—Mr. Bird—1.

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 to incorporate the American Basket Company of New Britain, Connecticut,"

Was taken up for consideration,

Mr. Hall offered amendments,

Which, on his motion, were read as follows:

Amend Section 4, by inserting after the word "directors," in line third, and before the word "who" in line four, the following: "Two of whom shall reside in the State of Delaware; also

In line six strike out the names of "George P. Cooley and Charles M. Lewis," and insert the names of "Mark H. Davis and Bingham Taylor; also

Add after the word "elected," in line 12, the following: "Two of whom shall reside in the State of Delaware;"

And, on his further motion,

The amendments were

Adopted.

And, upon motion of Mr. Hall,

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, Hall, Holcomb, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Nicholson, Rickards, Robinson, Saulsbury, Taylor, Thompson, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker—17.

Nays—None.

The bill having received the constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

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

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

"An act to reduce taxation,"

And returned the same to the House.

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

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

“An act in relation to mortgages and the indices to the same, in Kent county ;”

“An act to repeal Chapter 61, Current Volume, Delaware Laws ;”

“Joint Resolution directing the printing of the Auditor’s Report for the year 1876,”

And returned the same to the House.

Also, the following Senate joint resolution and bill, viz :

“Joint Resolution authorizing the State Treasurer to receive any moneys due this State, on account of its subscription to the stock of the United States Centennial International Exhibition ;”

“An act for the relief of the Idiotic Children of the State of Delaware,”

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

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

“A further additional supplement to the act entitled, ‘An act to incorporate the town of Leipsic and for other purposes, passed at Dover February 24, 1852,’ ”

With an amendment,

And returned the same to the House.

Also, that the Senate has adopted a Joint Resolution, entitled,

“Joint Resolution appointing Hon. Joseph P. Comegys to look after the State stock in the Centennial International Exhibition,”

And requested the concurrence of the House.

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

“Joint Resolution authorizing the collection, from the United States, of any claim the State may have for arms and accoutrements taken by

the United States authorities from any of the arsenals or officers or members of the militia companies of this State during the late war,"

And returned the same to the House.

Also, requested the return to the Senate of the Senate bill entitled, "An act to repeal Chapters 300 and 615, 11th Volume, Laws of Delaware."

Mr. Bird moved that the request of the Senate be complied with,
Which motion *Prevailed.*

And the bill was returned to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the bill entitled, "An act to repeal Chapter 419, Volume 14, Laws of Delaware,"
Was taken up for consideration.

And, upon his further motion,

The amendments reported from the committee were read,

And, on his further motion,

Were *Adopted.*

On motion of Mr. Holcomb,

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 Senate bill entitled,

"An act to amend Chapter 24, of the revenue of the State, Volume 14, Laws of Delaware,"

Was read.

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

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

Reported the same back to the House.

On motion of Mr. Wright,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

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

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

Was lost, be reconsidered,

Which motion

Prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Morris, Rule 15 was suspended.

Mr. Mustard offered amendments,

Which, on his motion, were read,

And, upon his further motion,

Were

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Mustard,

The bill was put upon its final passage,

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, Hall, Holcomb, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Nicholson, Rickards, Robinson, Saulsbury, Taylor, Thompson, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker—17.

Nays—None.

The bill having received the constitutional majority

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

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

"An act to incorporate the Jamison Branch Ditch Company,"

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

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

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

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

Nays—None.

The bill having received the constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

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

THURSDAY, *March 22*, 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 :

“A supplement to an act entitled, an act to incorporate the Brandywine Water Power Company, passed at Dover Feb. 12, 1867;”

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"Joint Resolution appointing a day for the adjournment of both Houses of the General Assembly, *sine die*."

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

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

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

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

Mr. Brown presented the claim of J. Alexander Fulton,

Which, on his motion,

Was referred to the committee on Claims.

Mr. Morris asked and obtained leave to withdraw the bill entitled,

"An act to regulate the appropriating of money by the Levy Court of Sussex county to the incorporated towns in Sussex county."

Mr. Messick presented the claim of J. Alexander Fulton,

Which, on his motion,

Was referred to the committee on Claims.

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

"An act to convert six hundred thousand dollars of the Internal Improvement Bonds of the State, into five per centum bonds, payable in 1910, and the interest saved hereby to create a sinking fund for the purpose named in this act,"

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 the Senate bill entitled,

"An act to divorce Samuel S. Hearn and Georgiana Hearn, from the bonds of matrimony,"

Reported the same back to the House,

With a recommendation that the bill pass.

Mr. Holcomb, on behalf of the joint committee to whom was referred the joint resolution entitled,

“Joint Resolution providing for the negotiation of five per cent. bonds to redeem bonds of 1865,”

Reported a bill entitled,

“An act to provide for the negotiation of five per cent. bonds to redeem bonds of 1865,”

Which, on his motion, was read,

And, upon his further motion,

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

Mr. Holcomb moved,

To suspend Rule 12 that the bill might be read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

Which motion

Prevailed.

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Wright, on behalf of the committee on Revised Statutes, to whom was referred the following House bills, viz :

“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,’ ”

Reported the same back to the House,

With a recommendation that the bill pass.

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

“An act to divorce Samuel S. Hearn and Georgiana Hearn, from the bonds of matrimony,”

Was taken up for consideration.

And, upon his further motion,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And *Passed the House.*

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Ray, a member of the Senate, being admitted, requested of the House the return to the Senate of the bill entitled,

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

On motion of Mr. Ware, the request of the Senate was complied with,

And Mr. Ware, a member, returned the bill to the Senate.

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 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. Holcomb, the bill entitled,

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

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Holcomb moved that the Senate amendments be read,

Which motion *Prevailed,*

And the Senate amendment 1 was read as follows:

IN SENATE, *March 19, 1877.*

Amend Section 1 by adding the following thereto: "*Provided,* nothing in this act shall entitle any person to receive any compensation for any sheep or lambs which may be killed, injured or destroyed by his or her own dogs."

And, upon motion of Mr. Holcomb,

Amendment 1 was *Concurred in.*

Amendment 2 was read as follows :

SECTION 5. All moneys remaining in the hands of the treasurer at the end of each year shall be accredited to the School Fund.

For concurrence.

Extract from Journal.

MERRIS TAYLOR,

Clerk of Senate.

And, upon motion of Mr. Holcomb,

Amendment 2 was

Non-concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, amendment 3 was read as follows :

IN SENATE, *March 14, 1877.*

Amend the bill by striking out all of Section 4.

For concurrence.

Extract from Journal.

MERRIS TAYLOR,

Clerk of Senate.

And, upon the further motion of Mr. Holcomb,

The amendment was

Concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb,

A committee of Conference was requested on the disagreement between the two Houses upon the amendments.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Wright presented the claim of Mrs. Butler,

Which, on his motion,

Was referred to the committee on Accounts.

On motion of Mr. Wright, the bill entitled,

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

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

The Senate amendments were read,

And, on his further motion,

Were

Concurred in.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Mustard moved to take up the 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,’ ”

Which motion

Prevailed.

Mr. Mustard offered 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, 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, Hall, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Nicholson, Rickards, Robinson, Saulsbury, Slaughter, Taylor, Thompson, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker—16.

Nays—None.

The bill having received the constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Causey, 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, viz:

“A further supplement to the act entitled ‘An act to incorporate the Junction and Breakwater Railroad Company,’ ”

And presented the same to the House.

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

"A supplement to the act entitled 'An act to exempt from execution process certain articles of personal property,' passed at Dover, April 10, 1873,"

Reported the same back to the House,

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

Was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Holcomb moved,

That when the House adjourns it adjourns to meet at 2 o'clock this afternoon,

Which motion

Prevailed.

Mr. Holcomb offered a joint resolution entitled,

"Joint resolution in relation to printing of Journals,"

Which, on his motion, was read,

And, upon his further motion,

Was

Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

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

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

With an amendment, and requested the concurrence of the House,

And returned the bill to the House.

On motion of Mr. Bartholomew, the bill entitled,

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

Was taken up for consideration.

On motion of Mr. Bartholomew,

The Senate amendment was read as follows :

IN SENATE, *March 21, 1877.*

Amend the bill by striking out the words "one thousand," where they occur in Sections 1 and 3, and inserting the words "three hundred."

For concurrence.

Extract from Journal.

MERRIS TAYLOR,
Clerk of Senate.

And, on his further motion,

The amendment was

Concurred in.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

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 further amend the Charter of the city of Wilmington,"

With amendments, and returned the same to the House.

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

"A further supplement to the act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Junction and Breakwater Railroad Company,' "

Was read,

And, upon his further motion,

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

And referred to the committee on Corporations.

Mr. Bartholomew offered a Joint Resolution entitled,

"Joint resolution appointing commissioners to carry into effect an act entitled 'An act to encourage the cultivation of Sugar Beets,' "

Which, on his motion, was read,

And, on his further motion,

Was

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Wright, the bill entitled,

“An act to prohibit the shooting or trapping of Partridges or Rabbits during the year 1877, in New Castle county,”

Was taken up for consideration.

On motion of Mr. Ware,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion the House adjourned until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

SAME DAY—2 o'clock P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

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

“A further supplement to the act entitled ‘An act to incorporate the Junction and Breakwater Railroad Company,’ ”

Reported the same back to the House,

With a recommendation that the bill pass.

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

“A supplement to the act entitled, ‘An act to further amend the charter of the City of Wilmington,’ ”

And presented the same to the House.

On motion of Mr. Ware, the bill just received from the Senate, was read.

On motion of Mr. Ware.

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

And, on his further motion,

Rule 12 was suspended, and the bill was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

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

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Brown, Hall, Messick, Morris, Nicholson, Rickards, Robinson, Saulsbury, Slaughter, Taylor, Thompson, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker—15.

Nays—None.

The bill having received the constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

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

"An act to authorize the Governor to appoint an additional Notary Public in Kent County,"

Was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Messick asked,

And, on motion of Mr. Robinson,

Obtained leave to place upon the Journal, in full, the bill entitled,

"An act to encourage marriages at home,"

Which is as follows:

An act to encourage Marriages at Home.

WHEREAS, the divine principles of the Christian religion, the honor of families, the best interest of society, and the happiness of the contracting parties themselves, require that marriages should be entered into in a sober, thoughtful and seemly manner, and that the proof thereof should be certain and convenient;

AND WHEREAS, no more becoming place and circumstances for its celebration can be found than the home of the bride, or the church of her choice, surrounded by kindred and friends ;

AND WHEREAS, of late years a practice has grown up, in some places, to leave this State for the purpose of being married ;

NOW THEREFORE, to discourage all such levity and unseemliness, as well as for the greater certainty and proof of the celebration of the marriage itself,

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly met, That hereafter in cases where both parties, or the bride only, are residents of this State, it shall be unlawful for them, or either of them, to leave the State for the purpose of being married beyond its limits, and any one who shall do so shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

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

“An act to suppress vagrancy,”

And returned the same to the House.

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

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

“An act in relation to Insurance Companies,”

With an amendment,

And requested the concurrence of the House in said amendment.

“Joint Resolution in relation to the printing of the Journals :”

Also, that the Senate had adopted and requested the concurrence of the House, in the following joint resolutions, viz :

“Joint Resolution thanking the several Railroad Companies ;”

“Joint Resolution compensating Alfred P. Robinson, Chancellor, *ad litem*,”

And presented the same to the House.

Also, informed the House that the Senate had receded from amendment No. 2, to the House bill entitled,

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

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

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

And returned the same to the House.

On motion of Mr. Wright, the bill entitled,

"An act to amend Section 3 of Chapter 165, Volume 15 of the Laws of this State, entitled, 'Of Husband and Wife,'"

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Wright, the bill entitled,

"An act to limit the time when debts not of record shall be liens against the real estate of deceased persons,"

Was taken up for consideration,

And, upon his further motion,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

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

"A further supplement to the act entitled, 'An act to incorporate the Junction and Breakwater Railroad Company,'"

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Hall moved,

That rule 12 be suspended during the balance of the session,

Which motion

Prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Hall,

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, Slaughter, Taylor, Thompson, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker—19.

Nays—None.

The bill having received the constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Holcomb offered the following Joint Resolution, viz:

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

And,

"On motion of Mr. Holcomb,

The Resolution was read.

And, on his further motion,

Was

Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Hall, the 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 saved thereby, to create a sinking fund for the purposes named in this act,"

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Hall offered sundry amendments,

Which, on his motion, were read,

And; upon his further motion,

Were

Adopted.

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. Wright presented two claims of Isaac G. Lofland,

Which,

On motion of Mr. Wright, were read,

And referred to the committee on Claims.

On motion of Mr. Burnite, the Senate joint resolution entitled,

“Joint Resolution appointing Hon. Joseph P. Comegys to look after the State stock in the Centennial International Exhibition,”

Was read, and laid on the table.

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

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

Also, that the Senate had non-concurred in the following House bill and joint resolution, viz :

“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;”

“Joint Resolution authorizing the State Treasurer to borrow money,”

And returned the same to the House.

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

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

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

And returned the same to the House.

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

“An act to incorporate Jamison’s Branch Ditch Company;”

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

"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 ;"

"An act to authorize the Governor to appoint an additional Notary Public for White Clay Creek Hundred, in New Castle county ;"

"A further additional supplement to the act entitled, 'An act to incorporate the Delaware Railroad Company,'"

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

Also, that the Senate requested the return to the Senate the bill entitled,

"An act to reduce taxation,"

On motion of Mr. Holcomb,

The request of the Senate was complied with.

Mr. Mustard offered a Joint Resolution entitled,

"Joint Resolution compensating John R. McFee, as Chancellor *ad litem*,"

Which, on his motion, was read,

And referred to the committee on Claims.

Mr. Mustard, from the committee on Claims, to whom was referred the "Joint Resolution compensating John R. McFee, as Chancellor *ad litem*,"

Reported the same back to the House, with amendments.

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

"Joint Resolution compensating John R. McFee, as Chancellor *ad litem*,"

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Mustard moved the amendments reported from the committee be read,

Which motion

Prevailed.

And the amendments were read.

Mr. Robinson moved to amend the amendments,

Which motion was

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Mustard,

The amendments were

Adopted.

And, on his further motion,

The resolution as amended was

Adopted.

Mr. Burnite offered a Joint Resolution entitled,

“Joint Resolution thanking the Railroad Companies, which had kindly furnished the members and officers of the General Assembly with passes on their roads,”

Which, on his motion, was read,

And, on his further motion,

Was

Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Robinson, the Senate Joint Resolution entitled, Joint Resolution compensating Alfred P. Robinson as Chancellor *ad litem*,”

Was read.

And, upon his further motion,

Was

Concurred in.

Mr. Mustard presented the claim of S. J. L. Baldwin,

Which, on his motion,

Was referred to the committee on Claims.

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 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, Cochran, Nicholson, Saulsbury, Ware and Wright—8.

Nays—Messrs. Hall, Holcomb, Mustard, Rickards, Robinson and Thompson—6.

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Burnite, the bill entitled,

“An act in relation to Insurance Companies,”

Was taken up for consideration.

On motion of Mr. Burnite,

The Senate amendment was read as follows :

IN SENATE, *March 22, 1877.*

Amend the bill by striking out all the bill, after the enacting clause, and insert the following :

SECTION 1. That no insurance company incorporated under the laws of this or of any other State or foreign government, shall be allowed to do business, or to establish agencies, or issue policies of insurance in this State without having first filed a certified copy of its charter with the State Auditor, for which a fee of five dollars shall be paid to said Auditor.

SECTION 2. That each insurance company doing business in this State as provided in Section 1 of this act shall, through its agents or managers, on or before the first day of July next, after the passage of this act, and annually thereafter on or before the first day of March in each year, deliver to the State Auditor a full and detailed statement of the condition and business of such company for the year ending the thirty-first day of December previous, verified by the oath or affirmation of the president, vice-president, secretary, manager or managers, or authorized agent or agents of such company; which statement shall be filed by the State Auditor in his office. A copy of such statement, with the certificate of the State Auditor that the same has been so filed in his office thereto attached, shall be published by the said insurance companies, their agents or managers, in two newspapers of the State at least once a week for the period of three weeks. For his services in the premises, the insurance companies, their agents

or managers as aforesaid, shall pay to said Auditor a fee of five dollars for each statement so certified.

SECTION 3. That the State Auditor shall be empowered at any time to examine into the financial condition and management of any insurance company doing business within this State, upon application of ten or more of the policy-holders of such company, and if said Auditor finds said company in an insolvent condition, he shall officially publish such fact, and require the company at once to cease doing any more business.

SECTION 4. Any agent placing insurance in any company shown, or which may be shown, to be insolvent at the time of issuing said policy or policies, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punishable with a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars or with imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year, or both, in the discretion of the court.

SECTION 5. Any insurance company, its agent or manager, may procure from the State Auditor a certificate of authority to do business within the limits of this State, for which certificate he shall receive a fee of five dollars.

For concurrence.

Extract from Journal.

MERRIS TAYLOR,
Clerk of Senate.

And, upon his further motion, the Senate amendments were non-concurred in, and the Senate informed thereof.

Mr. Causey, a member of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate requested the return to the Senate the bill entitled,

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

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

“An act to reduce taxation,”

With amendments.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb,

The Senate amendments were read,

And, on his further motion,

Were

Non-concurred in.

And, upon his further motion,

A committee of conference was requested, and the Senate informed thereof.

Whereupon,

Messrs. Holcomb, Wright and Thompson were appointed said committee on the part of the House, and the Senate informed thereof.

Mr. Ray, member of Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate requested the return to the Senate, the bill entitled,

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

Mr. Harrington, member of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had adopted, and requested the concurrence of the House in the following Joint Resolution, viz:

“Joint Resolution for the purpose of authorizing and directing the State Treasurer to collect the money on the mortgage of the Breakwater and Frankford Railroad Company to the State, and to represent the State and purchase the said railroad in the event of the same being sold.”

And presented the same to the House.

On motion of Mr. Ware, the request of the Senate in relation to bill entitled,

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

Was complied with.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, the request of the Senate in relation to the bill entitled,

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

Was complied with.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the Senate Joint Resolution, viz:

"Joint Resolution for the purpose of authorizing and directing the State Treasurer to collect the money on the mortgage of the Breakwater and Frankford Railroad Company, to the State, and to represent the State and purchase the said railroad in the event of the same being sold,"

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Robinson moved,

To postpone the further consideration of the resolution until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock,

Which motion

Prevailed.

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

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An additional supplement to the act entitled, 'An act for the benefit of Public Schools, in Wilmington,'"

With amendments.

On motion of Mr. Ware, the Senate amendments were read as follows, viz :

IN SENATE, *March 22, 1877.*

Amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause, and in lieu thereof insert the following :

SECTION 1. That Chapter 43 of Vol. 14, Delaware Laws, entitled "An additional supplement to the act entitled 'An act for the benefit of public schools in Wilmington,'" be, and the same is hereby amended as follows, to wit: Strike out all of the second section of said chapter after the words "Section 2," and in lieu thereof insert the words following: "On and after the first Saturday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven, the Board of Public Education in Wilmington aforesaid shall be composed of two members from each of the wards in the city of Wilmington; said members must be freeholders in said city, be qualified voters in the ward for which they are chosen, and they shall be chosen by ballot by the inhabitants of the ward who shall have been assessed for and paid the school tax for the city of Wilmington for the preceding year, and who shall be otherwise qualified to vote at all city elections; a plurality of votes shall elect. No member of the City Council shall be a member of the Board of Education. The Board of Public Education shall appoint a place of holding the election in each ward, and give notice thereof in the different newspapers pub-

lished in the city of Wilmington for ten days previous to the time of said election, and also give at least four days' notice of it by hand-bills, under the name of the Secretary of the Board, posted in four or more of the most public places in the ward. The election of members of the Board shall be held on the first Saturday of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven, and on the first Saturday of May every year afterwards, as hereinafter provided. The election shall be held in the afternoon, the polls opened at one o'clock, or within thirty minutes thereafter, and close at seven o'clock. The inspector and assistant inspectors of the city election in their respective wards shall hold the election of members of the Board of Public Education in the respective wards, and if they refuse, or are not at the place of election at the time of opening the polls, the voters present shall, by plurality, without ballot, choose an officer for holding the election, in place of the one or more refusing or not present. The officers holding the election shall, before opening the election, each take an oath or affirmation, as follows: 'I, ———, do solemnly swear (or affirm), that in holding the election this day for a member or members of the Board of Public Education, I will faithfully and impartially discharge my duty, and make true certificates thereof, and deliver the same according to law, so help me God, (or so I solemnly affirm).' The inspector is authorized to administer this oath or affirmation to the assistants, and either of them to him, or to each other. Within two days after any election the certificates of it shall be delivered under the hands of the officers holding the election, to wit: one to the Secretary of the Board, and one to the member elect, which certificates shall be made out and signed by the officers holding the election, immediately after counting the votes, and within two days after such election shall deliver one of said certificates to the Secretary of the Board, and one to the member elect. The Board shall be the judge of the election of its members. At the election of members of the Board on the first Saturday of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven, only members shall be chosen in the several wards to fill vacancies that may exist in the Board for the terms of one or of two years respectively. At the election in every year, after the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven, one member shall be chosen in each ward, whose term of office shall be two years. Moving out of the ward vacates the office of the member. All vacancies shall be supplied by the Board till the next election, when members shall be chosen to fill vacancies. Members of the Board, whose terms of office would expire on the first Satur-

day in April, are hereby continued in office until the first Saturday of May following, unless the same be otherwise vacated, as herein provided."

SECTION 2. Strike out of Section 4, of said chapter, in the fourth line thereof, the word "mortgage."

SECTION 3. Strike out all of the fifth section of said chapter, after the words "Section 5," and in lieu thereof insert the following: "The said Board shall, during the month of October, in each year, cause to be prepared and laid before them estimates of their probable revenue and expenses for the ensuing year, which estimates they shall lay before the City Council on or before the first day of the month of November following. The said Board, early in January, in each year, after the City Council shall have made the appropriation for the use of the Public schools for that year, as hereinafter mentioned, shall make appropriations for their expenditures for that year, based as nearly as may be upon the estimates made by them in October previous. And such apportionment or appropriations shall be specified and arranged under the heads or items designated in the said estimates. The expenditures of the year, under any head or item of appropriation, shall not exceed that item of appropriation, unless the same be voted for by two-thirds, at least, of all the members of said Board, a record of which vote shall be made upon the minutes. The said Board shall have no power or authority to borrow money, or contract, or create any debt, or liability, except ordinary debts and liabilities incurred in executing the duties imposed upon them by law, to be paid out of the said appropriation by Council and the receipts of the year for the time then current; and if the said debts and liabilities shall not be so paid, the same shall bind personally those members of said Board who shall have voted in the affirmative, when the order or proceeding under which the debt or liability arose, was passed, or had, making them jointly and severally responsible therefor. The said Board shall, during the month of January, in each year, cause to be published in two newspapers of the city of Wilmington, a full report of their accounts and proceedings during the past year, setting forth aggregates, under appropriate heads. They shall also depute one of their members to attend with, and lay their accounts and vouchers before the City Council at the next regular meeting following such publication, and also to settle with the State Auditor.

SECTION 4. Strike out all of the sixth section of said chapter after the words "Section 6" and in lieu thereof, insert the following: "The City Council shall, every year, when determining the amount

necessary to be raised on the persons and estates in the city for public use, also include the sum necessary to be raised on the persons and estates for executing the foregoing provisions, provided that the amount to be raised for school taxes as aforesaid in any one year shall not exceed thirty per centum of the whole amount to be raised by taxation for city and school purposes for that year. The amount collected for school purposes shall be paid into the city treasury as other taxes are paid. At the time of making the annual appropriations for public use as herein provided, the City Council shall also make an appropriation for school purposes equal in amount to that annually computed and laid before said City Council by the Board of Public Education in Wilmington, provided that the sum so computed and appropriated shall not exceed thirty per centum of the whole amount to be raised for city and school purposes for that year; and provided further that any demand made by the Board upon the City Council shall not exceed sixty-five thousand dollars for the year 1877, and the increase shall not be greater than four per centum for 1878, nor more than 3 per centum additional on the amount of any one year after the year 1878. The amount of the appropriation for school purposes so made by the City Council in January for the year then current, shall be paid in full by the City Treasurer upon orders drawn by the aforesaid Board under the hand of the president and attested by the Secretary. The City Treasurer and his sureties shall be responsible for his faithful payment of all sums that shall thus come to his hands, and such shall be the legal effect of the security by him given as such treasurer, both as to himself and his sureties; and the City Council shall make any requisite and proper order and appropriation.

SECTION 5. No member of the Board of Education shall, directly or indirectly, be concerned or interested in, pecuniarily or otherwise, any bill, order or contract made to, with, by or for said Board.

For concurrence.

Extract from Journal.

MERRIS TAYLOR,
Clerk of Senate.

And, upon his further motion,

Were

Concurred in.

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

FRIDAY, *March 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 House bills and joint resolutions, as duly and correctly enrolled, viz :

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

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

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

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

“Joint resolution empowering the Governor to protect citizens of this State now under indictment in the District Court of the United States ;”

“Joint Resolution authorizing the collection, from the United States, of any claim the State may have for arms and accoutrements taken by the United States authorities from any of the arsenals or officers or members of militia companies of this State during the late war ;”

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

“An act to incorporate the Nonsuch Marsh Company ;”

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

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“An act in relation to the lien of taxes ;”

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

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"Joint resolution acknowledging the services of the State Centennial Commissioners and Firemen of the city of Wilmington;"

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"Joint resolution appointing Charles J. Harrington to purchase coal, wood, stationery, &c.;"

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

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

"Joint Resolution in relation to the printing of the Journals;"

Also, the following Senate bill and joint resolution, viz:

"An act for the relief of the Idiotic Children of the State of Delaware;"

"Joint Resolution authorizing the State Treasurer to receive any moneys due to this State, on account of its subscription to the stock of the United States Centennial International Exhibition,"

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

Mr. Hall, on behalf of the committee on Accounts, made the following report :

	Days.	Miles.	Dolls. Cts.
To Hugh Martin, Speaker.....	83	42	361 83
To William W. Morris.....	83	30	270 90
To Miles Messick.....	83	40	274 05
To Peter Robinson.....	83	58	279 72
To Kendall Rickards.....	83	70	283 50
To David L. Mustard.....	83	60	280 35
To John L. Thompson.....	83	46	275 94
To James W. Ware.....	83	50	277 20
To John W. R. Killgore.....	83	50	277 20
To Thomas Holcomb.....	83	43	274 99
To John E. Bartholomew.....	83	62	280 98
To Thomas Bird.....	83	40	274 05
To James Nicholson.....	83	30	270 90
To Edwin R. Cochran.....	83	24	269 01
To Thomas K. Taylor.....	83	6	263 34
To Andrew J. Wright.....	83	0	261 45
To Jonathan Slaughter.....	83	9	264 28
To Jacob G. Brown.....	83	5	263 02
To Wilbur H. Burnite.....	83	12	265 23
To Garretson Saulsbury.....	83	28	270 27
To Cornelius J. Hall.....	83	30	270 90
To Charles H. B. Day, Clerk of House.....			1,300 00
To Charles H. B. Day, engrossing and enrolling.....			400 00
To Rev. John H. Caldwell, Chaplain.....			75 00
To Dennis Collins, Messenger.....			50 00
To William H. Crow, Sergeant-at-Arms.....			350 00
To William Hunter, Fireman.....			200 00
To William Hunter, for cleaning spittoons.....			10 00
To John D. Burton, for 8 copies Vol. 13, Del. Laws....			16 00
To Hon. Joseph P. Comegys, for the portrait of Com. Jones.			5 00
To Mary E. Butler, for washing 240 pieces @ 8 cts....			19 20
To James L. Wolcott, for drawing sundry bills.....			50 00
To Frederick Croyden.....			75

C. J. HALL,
JNO. L. THOMPSON,
JAMES W. WARE,
Committee.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb,

The report of the committee was *Adopted.*

Mr. Cochran, on behalf of the committee on Education, to whom was referred the House bill, viz :

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

Reported the same back to the House,

With a recommendation that the bill pass.

Also, the Senate bill entitled,

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

With a recommendation that the bill does pass.

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

“An act in relation to fishing, and to prohibit the exportation of fish ;”

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

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

“Joint resolution to defray the incidental expenses in the defence of the suit in the Supreme Court of the United States between the State of New Jersey and the State of Delaware on the question of jurisdiction over certain portions of the Delaware River,”

And returned the same to the House.

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

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

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

"An act to amend Chapter 48, Volume 15, Laws of Delaware,"
Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Morris moved,
That the further consideration of the bill be indefinitely postponed,
Which motion was *Lost.*

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, Brown, Burnite, Cochran, Hall, Messick, Mustard, Slaughter, Taylor, Thompson, Ware and Wright
—12.

Nays—Messrs. Morris, Rickards, Robinson, Saulsbury and Mr. Speaker—5.

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill *Passed the House.*

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Holcomb, on behalf of the committee of Conference, upon the disagreement between the two Houses, on the bill entitled,

"An act to reduce taxation,"

Made a report to the House, which was read, as follows, viz:

The Conference committee on the act to reduce taxation, respectfully report that the Senate shall recede from their amendments, and the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof, the following, to wit:

SECTION 1. That hereafter, the State tax of ten cents on the hundred dollars on county assessments, as authorized by Chapter 22, Volume 14, Laws of Delaware, shall not be laid and apportioned, and if the said tax has already been laid and apportioned for the year 1877, it shall not be collected, *provided* that any tax which has been laid and apportioned prior to the present year, shall be collected the same as though this act had not been passed.

SECTION 2. That Chapter 24, Volume 14, Laws of Delaware, be and the same is hereby amended, by striking out Section 3 of said chapter.

SECTION 3. That Section 1, Chapter 24, Volume 14, Laws of Delaware, be and the same is hereby amended, by striking out the words "five hundred," in the sixty-ninth line, and inserting in lieu thereof, the words "one thousand."

JAMES H. RAY,
JAMES A. HOPKINS,
J. FRANK DENNY,

Com. of Senate.

THOMAS HOLCOMB,
JOHN L. THOMPSON,
A. J. WRIGHT,

Com. of House.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb,

The report of the conference committee was *Adopted.*

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

"Joint Resolution for the purpose of authorizing and directing the State Treasurer to collect the money on the mortgage of the Breakwater and Frankford Railroad Company to the State, and to represent the State and purchase the said railroad in the event of the same being sold,"

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Hall offered amendments,

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

Amend the first Resolution by striking out all after the word "accordingly," in line eleven;

Amend the title by striking out all after the words "Joint Resolution for," in line 1, and insert the following words; "the relief of the Breakwater and Frankford Railroad Company."

On motion of Mr. Hall,

The amendments were *Adopted.*

And, upon his further motion,

The Joint Resolution, as amended, was *Concurred in.*

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

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

“An act in respect to Chattel Mortgages,”

With amendments.

On motion of Mr. Wright,

The Senate amendment was read, as follows :

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Amend the bill by adding the following section :

SECTION 4. No mortgage made under the provisions of this act shall be valid unless there be endorsed upon or annexed to it, and to be recorded with it, an affidavit that the said mortgage was made for the bona fide purpose of securing a debt or making indemnity, (as the case may be,) and was not made to cover the property of mortgagor or protect it from his creditors, or to hinder or delay them in the collection of their debts. If any mortgagor shall, without the consent of the mortgagee, remove the mortgaged property from the county where it is situated or in which it was at the time of making the mortgage, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined in a sum equal to the value of the property removed, and shall also be imprisoned for a term not exceeding one year.

For concurrence.

Extract from Journal.

MERRIS TAYLOR,
Clerk of Senate.

On motion of Mr. Wright,

The Senate amendment was

Concurred in.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Hopkins, 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, viz :

“An act entitled ‘An act to incorporate the Milford and Milton Improvement Company,’ ”

And presented the same to the House.

On motion of Mr. Wright, the bill just received from the Senate, was read,

And, upon his further motion,
The bill was read a second time by its title,
And referred to the committee on Corporations.

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

Reported the same back to the House,
With a recommendation that the bill pass.

Mr. Wright moved to take up the bill for consideration,

Which motion *Prevailed.*

Mr. Hall moved to indefinitely postpone the bill,

And, upon the question, "Shall the bill be indefinitely postponed?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Cochran, Hall, Saulsbury, Slaughter, Taylor, Thompson and Mr. Speaker—7.

Nays—Messrs. Bartholomew, Burnite, Holcomb, Messick, Mustard, Ware and Wright—7.

The motion to postpone not receiving a majority,

Was *Lost.*

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 amend Chapter 128 of the Revised Code, entitled, 'Offences against private property ;'."

"An act to amend Section 7, Chapter 53, Volume 15, Laws of Delaware,"

And returned the same to the House.

Also, that the Senate had adopted the report of the committee of conference upon the disagreement of the two Houses upon the bill entitled,

"An act to reduce taxation ;"

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

"An act to prohibit the shooting or trapping of Partridges or Rabbits during the year 1877, in New Castle county;"

"An act to convert six hundred thousand dollars of the Internal Improvement Bonds of the State, into five per centum bonds, payable in 1910, and the interest saved thereby to create a sinking fund for the purposes named in this act;"

"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 provide for the negotiation of five per cent. bonds to redeem bonds of 1865;"

"An act to limit the time when debts not of record shall be liens against the real estate of deceased persons;"

"An act to amend Chapter 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,'"

And returned the same to the House.

Mr. Causey, member of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed, and requested the concurrence of the House in the bill entitled,

"An act for the payment of claims against the State."

On motion of Mr. Mustard,

The bill just received from the Senate, was read,

And, upon his further motion,

Was read a second time by its title,

And, upon his further motion,

The bill was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Burnite offered an amendment, as follows:

Amend the bill by striking out the figures "524.25," in the claim allowed the Delawarean, and insert in lieu thereof the figures 616.25."

Mr. Burnite moved the adoption of the amendment.

Mr. Holcomb moved to indefinitely postpone the amendment;

Which motion was *Lost.*

The question then recurring upon the amendment,

Upon the question, "Shall the amendment be adopted?"

Mr. Burnite called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Brown, Burnite, Hall, Messick, Slaughter, Taylor, Thompson, Ware and Wright—9.

Nays—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Cochran, Holcomb, Mustard, Robinson and Mr. Speaker—7.

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the amendment was *Adopted.*

And, on motion of Mr. Mustard,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs,

And *Passed the House.*

Mr. Mustard moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill entitled,

"An act for the payment of claims against the State,"

Was passed,

Which motion *Prevailed.*

And, upon his further motion,

The vote by which the bill was adopted by sections; was reconsidered,

And, upon his further motion,

The vote by which the bill was ordered to a third reading was reconsidered.

Mr. Mustard offered the following amendment,

Amend the bill by striking out of James Kirk & Son's bill for the House printing, "\$200," and insert the following: "To James Kirk & Son's, for House printing, "\$230;"

Also, amend by striking out "James H. Todd, to services in purchasing stationery, &c., \$100," and insert "To James H. Todd, for services in purchasing stationery, &c., \$200,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Mustard,

Were

Adopted.

And, on his further motion,

The bill was read a third time,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

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

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

With amendments.

On motion of Mr. Wright, the Senate amendments were read, as follows:

IN SENATE, *March 23, 1877.*

Amend the bill by striking out "Sections 1, 2 and 3, and make Section 4 Section 1."

For concurrence.

Extract from Journal.

MERRIS TAYLOR,

Clerk of Senate.

And, on his further motion,

The amendments were

Concurred in.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Taylor, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had non-concurred in the House amendment to the Joint Resolution entitled,

"Joint Resolution for the purpose of authorizing and directing the State Treasurer to collect the money on the mortgage of the Breakwater and Frankford Railroad Company, to the State, and to

represent the State and purchase the said railroad in the event of the same being sold."

Mr. Holcomb moved to take up the joint resolution for consideration.

Mr. Holcomb moved to recede from House first amendment ;

And, upon the question, "Shall the House recede from the amendment?"

Mr. Holcomb called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Holcomb and Thompson—4.

Nays—Messrs. Burnite, Cochran, Hall, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Robinson, Saulsbury, Slaughter, Ware, Wright and Mr. Speaker—12.

The question was decided in the negative,

And the motion to recede from the amendment,

Was *Lost*.

Mr. Hall moved,

That a committee of Conference be appointed on the disagreement of the two Houses upon the amendment to the resolution,

Which motion *Prevailed*.

Whereupon,

Messrs. Hall, Holcomb and Morris, were appointed said committee on the part of the House, and requested a like committee on the part of the Senate.

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. Robinson, on behalf of the committee on Enrollment, reported the following bills, as duly and correctly enrolled, and presented the same for the signature of the Speaker of the House:

"An act to amend Section 3 of Chapter 165, Volume 15, of the Laws of this State, entitled, 'Of Husband and Wife;'"

"An act to incorporate the Jamison Branch Ditch Company;"

"An act in relation to fishing and to prohibit the exportation of fish;"

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

"Joint Resolution to defray the incidental expenses in the defense of the suit in the Supreme Court of the United States, between the State of New Jersey and the State of Delaware, on the question of jurisdiction over certain portions of the Delaware river;"

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

"A further additional supplement to the act entitled, 'An act to incorporate the Delaware Railroad Company;'"

"An act authorizing the Governor to appoint an additional Notary Public for White Clay Creek hundred, New Castle county;"

"An act to amend an act entitled, 'An additional supplement to the act entitled, 'An act for the benefit of Public Schools in Wilmington;'"

"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."

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

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

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

"Joint resolution appointing commissioners to carry into effect an act entitled 'An act to encourage the cultivation of Sugar Beets;'"

"Joint Resolution compensating John R. McFee, as Chancellor *ad litem*,"

And returned the same to the House.

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

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

And returned the same to the House.

Mr. Wright offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of fifteen dollars be paid to David Chipman, for extra services as U. S. Mail carrier.

Mr. Wright moved, that the resolution be adopted.

Mr. Holcomb called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bartholomew, Bird, Brown, Burnite, Cochran, Hall, Saulsbury, Slaughter, Taylor, Ware and Wright—11.

Nays—Messrs. Holcomb, Messick, Morris, Mustard, Robinson, Thompson and Mr. Speaker—7.

The question was decided in the affirmative,

And the resolution was *Adopted.*

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, the Senate joint resolution entitled,

"Joint resolution thanking the several Railroad Companies,"

Was read,

And, on his further motion,

Was

Concurred in.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Robinson, on behalf of the committee on Enrollment, reported the following bills and joint resolution, as duly and correctly enrolled, and presented the same for the signature of the Speaker of the House,

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

“An act to reduce taxation;”

“An act to amend Section 7, Chapter 53, Volume 15, Laws of Delaware;”

“An act in respect to Chattel Mortgages;”

“An act to amend Chapter 128 of the Revised Code, entitled, ‘Offences against private property;’”

“An act in relation the duties and liabilities of principal and sureties;”

“Joint Resolution compensating John R. McFee, as Chancellor, *ad litem*;”

“Joint Resolution appointing commissioners to carry into effect an act entitled, ‘An act to encourage the cultivation of Sugar Beets.’”

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

“A supplement to the act entitled, ‘An act regulating the sale of spirituous, vinous or malt liquors,’ passed March 22, 1877.”

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

“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 vacation of a portion of a certain public

road in Mispillion hundred in Kent county, and to substitute a new road to be constructed in lieu of the part of the said public road so vacated;”

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

“A supplement to the act entitled ‘An act to exempt from execution process certain articles of personal property,’ passed at Dover, April 10, 1873;”

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

“An act to divorce Samuel S. Hearn and Georgiana Hearn, from the bonds of matrimony;”

“A further supplement to the act entitled ‘An act to incorporate the Junction and Breakwater Railroad Company,’ ”

“An act authorizing the appointment of an additional Notary Public;”

“An act to incorporate the American Basket Company of New Britain, Connecticut;”

“Joint Resolution thanking the several Railroad Companies.

Joint Resolution compensating Alfred P. Robinson as Chancellor *ad litem*;”

“A supplement to the act entitled, ‘An act to further amend the charter of the City of Wilmington,’ ”

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

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

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

“An act in relation to taxation in certain parts of the city of Wilmington;”

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

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

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

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

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

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

"An act to incorporate the Bradford Paint Company ;"

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

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

"An act to amend Section 3 of the act entitled, 'An act to raise revenue and provide for the current expenses of the State Government,' passed at Dover, March 22, 1867 ;"

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

"Joint resolution authorizing the Governor to employ counsel in certain cases ;"

"Joint Resolution authorizing the State Treasurer to pay the members of this General Assembly their per diem and mileage in gold coin or its equivalent in currency,"

And returned the same to the House.

Also, informed the House that the Senate had appointed as the committee of Conference on the part of the Senate on the matter of disagreement between the two Houses on the joint resolution entitled,

"Joint Resolution for the purpose of authorizing the State Treasurer to collect the money on the mortgage of the Breakwater and Frankford Railroad Company, to the State, and purchase the said railroad in the event of the same being sold,"

Messrs. Ray, Fiddeman and Causey.

On motion of Mr. Bird, the following bill was allowed :

DOVER, *March 23, 1877.*

STATE OF DELAWARE,

To E. L. Clarke, Dr. :

To envelopes.....	\$6 00
To one doz. lead pencils, &c.....	80
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	\$6 80

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

“A supplement to the act entitled ‘An act regulating the sale of spiritous, vinous or malt liquors,’ passed March 22, 1877,”

Was read,

And, upon his further motion,

The bill was read a second time by its title, by special order,

And, on his further motion,

The bill was read a third time, by paragraphs, by special order,

And *Passed the House.*

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Hall, on behalf of the committee of Conference on the part of the House in the matter of disagreement between the two Houses on the joint resolution entitled,

“Joint Resolution for the purpose of authorizing and directing the State Treasurer to collect the money of the mortgage of the Breakwater and Frankford Railroad Company, to the State, and to represent the State, and purchase the said railroad in the event of the same being sold,”

Reported as follows, viz :

The committee on the disagreement of the two Houses on the House amendments to the Senate Joint Resolution entitled,

“Joint Resolution for the purpose of authorizing and directing the State Treasurer to collect the money on the mortgage of the Breakwater and Frankford Railroad Company, to the State, and to represent the State, and to purchase the said railroad in the event of the same being sold,”

Beg leave to report that the House recede from its first amendment, and that the first resolution be amended by adding at the end thereof, the words, "if the Governor and Attorney-General shall deem it for the best interest of the State, and shall so advise the State Treasurer,"

And that the Senate concur in the second amendment of the House.

J. H. RAY,
H. B. FIDDEMAN,
J. W. CAUSEY,

Com. of Senate.

C. J. HALL,
THOMAS HOLCOMB,
WM. W. MORRIS,

Com of House.

On motion of Mr. Hall,

The report of the conference committee

Was

Adopted.

Mr. Taylor, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had adopted the report of the committee of conference on the disagreement between the two Houses on the House amendment to the Senate Joint Resolution entitled,

"Joint Resolution for the purpose of authorizing and directing the State Treasurer to collect the money on the mortgage of the Breakwater and Frankford Railroad Company, to the State, and to represent the State, and purchase the said railroad in the event of the same being sold."

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

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

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

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

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

"An act to incorporate the Nonsuch Marsh Company ;"

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

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

"An act in relation to the lien of taxes ;"

"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 provide a punishment for fraud ;"

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"An act to further amend Chapter 73 of the Revised Code, entitled, of the city of Wilmington ;"

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

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

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

"An act to revive, re-enact and amend the act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Gum Branch Ditch Company, of Sussex county, Delaware,' passed at Dover, February 15, 1866 ;"

"Joint Resolution appointing commissioners to carry into effect an act entitled, 'An act to encourage the cultivation of Sugar Beets ;'"

"Joint Resolution respecting the Historical Society of Delaware ;"

"Joint Resolution providing for the negotiation of five per cent. bonds to redeem bonds of 1865 ;"

"Joint Resolution in relation to the printing of the Journals ;"

"Joint resolution acknowledging the services of the State Centennial Commissioners and Firemen of the city of Wilmington ;"

"Joint resolution empowering the Governor to protect citizens of this State now under indictment in the District Court of the United States ;"

"Joint Resolution authorizing the collection, from the United States, of any claim the State may have for arms and accoutrements taken by the United States authorities from any of the arsenals or officers or members of militia companies of this State during the late war ;"

"Joint Resolution appointing Charles J. Harrington to purchase coal, wood and stationary, &c., for the next session of the General Assembly,"

And returned the same to the House.

Also, the following Senate bill, viz :

"A supplement to the act entitled, 'An act regulating the sale of spiritous, vinous or malt liquors,' passed, March 22, 1877,"

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

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

"An act for the payment of Claims against the State."

Mr. Taylor, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the following House bills had been found duly and cor-

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

“An act to reduce taxation ;”

“An act to amend Section 7, Chapter 53, Volume 15, Laws of Delaware ;”

“An act in respect to Chattel Mortgages ;”

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

And returned the same to the House.

Also, the Senate bill entitled,

“An act for the payment of Claims against the State.”

Also, the Senate Joint Resolution entitled,

“Joint Resolution for the relief of the Breakwater and Frankford Railroad Company, and for other purposes,”

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

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

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

“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 ;’ ”

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

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

“An act in relation to fishing and to prohibit the exportation of fish ;”

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

"Joint Resolution compensating John R. McFee, as Chancellor *ad litem*;"

"Joint Resolution to defray the incidental expenses in the defense of the suit in the Supreme Court of the United States, between the State of New Jersey and the State of Delaware, on the question of jurisdiction over certain portions of the Delaware river;"

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

And returned the same to the House.

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

"An act to authorize the vacation of a portion of a certain public road in Mispillion hundred, in Kent county, and to substitute a new road to be constructed in lieu of the part of the said public road so vacated;"

"An act for the protection of live stock in the State of Delaware;"

"An act to incorporate the American Basket Company of New Britain, Connecticut;"

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

"A further additional supplement to the act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Junction and Breakwater Railroad Company;' "

"An act to divorce Samuel S. Hearn and Georgiana Hearn, from the bonds of matrimony;"

"A supplement to the act entitled 'An act to exempt from execution process certain articles of personal property,' passed at Dover, April 10, 1873;"

"Joint Resolution compensating Alfred P. Robinson, Chancellor, *ad litem*;"

"Joint Resolution thanking the several Railroad Companies;"

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

"A supplement to the act entitled, 'An act regulating the sale of spiritous, vinous or malt liquors, passed March 22, 1877,"

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

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

"An act for the payment of claims against the State ;"

"Joint Resolution for the relief of the Breakwater and Frankford Railroad Company, and for other purposes,"

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

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

"An act to incorporate the Front and Union Street Railway Company, of Wilmington."

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

"An act to incorporate the Wordon Manufacturing Company, of Smyrna ;"

"An act to amend an act for the protection of muskrats ;"

"An act to amend an act entitled, 'An act to incorporate the Casho Machine Company,' passed at Dover, January 28, 1873 ;"

"An act to repeal an act a supplement to an act entitled, 'An act for the protection of Fishermen ;' "

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

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

"A supplement to the act entitled, 'An act to further amend the Charter of the City of Wilmington ;'"

"Joint Resolution directing the State Treasurer to pay to Joseph P. Comegys and Leander F. Riddle, eleven hundred and fifty-one dollars and nine cents, (\$1,151.09), to defray the expenses of the Centennial Commission of this State;"

"Joint Resolution appointing a State Librarian and Custodian of the State and Capitol Building;"

"An act to repeal Chapter 64, Volume 4, Delaware Statutes."

Mr. Taylor, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate would be ready to adjourn *sine die* in five minutes.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb,

The Clerk was instructed to inform the Senate that the House would be ready to adjourn *sine die* in five minutes.

Mr. Holcomb offered a resolution,

Which, on his motion, was read as follows:

Resolved, That the thanks of this House are due and are hereby tendered to the Hon. Hugh Martin, for the ability, impartiality and dignity with which he has performed the duties of Speaker.

BARTHOLOMEW'S REMARKS.

MR. SPEAKER: We are about to sever our connection as legislators, and to depart to our respective homes. In thus parting we feel the almost certain conviction that we shall never all meet together again under similar circumstances, occupying the same position one toward another. It affords me great pleasure to be able to bear testimony to that ever-pervading good feeling which has existed among us. At times, in the excitement of debate, our feelings have been allowed to give vent to their pent-up convictions, not of wrath toward our fellow-members, but through an honest conviction that we were carrying out the views of our constituents. It will ever be a great pleasure of thought to myself, fellow-members, to look back with the kindest feelings of regard for the impartial decisions on every occasion where our much-beloved Speaker was called upon to decide. His impartial decisions, his gentlemanly deportment, his noble generosity, which has been displayed to each and every one of us, fully assures us that we were wise in our selection of a presiding officer. Too much cannot be said in behalf of our worthy and respected

Clerk, C. H. B. Day, who, ever willing to lend us any required assistance, and although at times, when well marked on his brow the cares and anxieties of a hard day's labor, but well we all know with what genial frankness he was always willing to give us our desired formation.

Each one of us feel with our *Crow*, our ever-faithful Sergeant-at-Arms. We have just pride in recommending him for that position in all future bodies that may hereafter meet at this place. Always at his post of duty, and willing to do an act of kindness.

With the kindest feelings of friendship I reluctantly part with you all.

BURNITE'S REMARKS.

MR. SPEAKER: As the hour for our final adjournment approaches, I desire to join in the expressions, as I do in the feelings of regret at being compelled to sever our official relations.

We have about completed the duties assigned us, and I believe all are possessed with a conscientious conviction of having in every matter brought before us decided from the standpoint alone of—Wright and wrong.

I believe that neither personal prejudice nor party feeling have in any way entered into our deliberations or controlled our actions, but that all have been governed by the sole purpose of promoting the general welfare.

I believe that the session will compare favorably with those that have preceded it as well in bad legislation avoided, as in good legislation accomplished.

The correctness of my estimate must, of course, be left to those who have sent me here, and in whose interests and behalf we have labored to the best of our judgment and ability.

It will be to me, as I know it will be to us all, a matter of the greatest pride and satisfaction to know that our conclusions meet with the support and approval of those for whom we have legislated and who with us will be equally affected by the changes and laws which we have enacted.

To our Speaker do we owe much of the enjoyment we have experienced as a legislative body. Kind, courteous, affable and just, he has, in every matter which he has been called upon to decide, given evidence of the broad, comprehensive and intelligent views of which he is so abundantly possessed. Perfectly impartial, Mr. Speaker, in all your rulings, and kindly considerate towards us all, you have implanted in our hearts an endearing confidence and esteem which with

us will last while life lasts, and will ever be treasured among the happiest recollections of our legislative experience.

Much praise is also due our accomplished and accommodating Clerk. Ever at his post with a Journal needing no corrections. It is among the saddest reflections of the hour to know that our final adjournment is to be *without Day*.

I should fail to give entire expression of my feelings did I not make some acknowledgment of the kindness and courtesy of our obliging Sergeant. And whether we compare favorably or unfavorably with legislative bodies that have preceded us, one fact is established beyond question, and that is that in the matter of an obliging and accommodating Sergeant-at-Arms, none will be able to *Crow* over us.

To the gentlemanly reporters of the press, Mr. Saulsbury and Mr. Crutchfield, are we greatly indebted for the kind consideration received at their hands. They have kept our constituents well advised of our proceedings and deliberations, and their genial and kind dispositions have earned for them our enduring friendship and esteem, while the facile pen of Mr. Crutchfield has made us all appear statesmen and patriots.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I desire to say that I have none other than the utmost good will and friendship for all. And now, as we are about to go to our homes, we separate, as I believe, bound together by feelings of the kindest nature which will last through the remaining years of our lives. In all probability we shall never again be called upon to answer the roll-call here; may it be the Divine Master's will that when the long roll shall be called above, our names, without exception, may be entered there.

On motion of Mr. Hall,

The resolution was unanimously

Adopted.

The Speaker arose and responded as follows:

GENTLEMEN: For this flattering testimonial of your regard and approval, I am sincerely grateful. It is a matter of great gratification to me, at this time, looking back over the session now about to close, to feel and know, that in no single instance has the indulgence which I asked in the beginning been withheld.

While we have not legislated as much, probably, as some of our predecessors, what we have done has been maturely considered, and the best interests of the people have been kept steadily in view. We have lessened taxation, and made ample provision for the rapid extinguishment of the public debt, without unduly oppressing the people.

I am proud, fellow-members, and I think it a matter of just pride to every true Delawarean, that while some of our sister States have been torn by civil dissension, oppressed by ignorant, wicked and corrupt governments, and are now weighed down by the heel of military power, Delawarean's govern Delaware; and while we are the cheapest, we are the best governed people in the Union.

Again thanking you for your uniform courtesy and kindness, and entertaining for each of you the highest personal regard, and hoping that you will all return to your homes in safety, and enjoy the greatest happiness in the future, it remains only for me to say that I now declare this House adjourned *sine die*.

ATTEST :

CHARLES H. B. DAY,

Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Del.

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CERTIFICATE.

By the authority contained in Section 4, of Chapter 4 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware, I appointed Charles E. Fenn to print the foregoing Journal of the House of Representatives of the State of Delaware, for the biennial session which commenced on Tuesday, the 2d day of January, A. D. 1877, together with the index to the same.

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Delaware Laws, An act to amend Section 9, Chapter 371, Volume 14—notice of intention to introduce given, 178; introduced and read, 213; read a second time and referred, 216; reported back from the committee, 237; read a third time and indefinitely postponed, 270.

Delaware Laws, An act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 372, Volume 14—notice of intention to introduce, 189; introduced and read, 216; read a second time and referred, 227; reported back from the committee, 255; read a third time and indefinitely postponed, 271.

Delaware Laws, An act to amend Chapter 384, Volume 14—notice of intention to introduce given, 208; introduced and read, 240; read a second time and referred, 241; reported back from the committee, read a third time and passed, 252; concurred in by the Senate, notice of, 289; request return to Senate, and request granted, 305; returned from the Senate with an amendment, 308; taken up for consideration, amendment read, 311; Senate amendment concurred in, 312; reconsidered, 328; Senate amendment amended, 328; House amendment concurred in by the Senate, notice of, 345; enrolled and presented for the signature of the Speaker, 453; returned from the Senate, signed by the Speaker of, 476.

Delaware Laws, An act to further amend Chapter 418, Volume 14—notice of intention to introduce given, 391.

Delaware Laws, An act to amend Chapter 418, Volume 14—notice of intention to introduce given, 392; introduced and read, 420; read a second time and referred, 439; reported back from the committee and re-committed to a special committee, 584.

Delaware Laws, An act to amend Chapter 560, Section 8, Volume 14—received from the Senate, 554.

Delaware Laws, An act to amend Chapter 562, Volume 15, entitled, of executors—notice of intention to introduce given, 271.

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Delaware Laws, An act to amend Section 7, Chapter 4 of the Current Volume, passed at Dover, 1875—notice of intention to introduce given, 154; introduced and read, 158; read a second time and referred, 165; reported back from the committee, 185; taken up and re-committed, 187; reported back from the committee, 191; taken up for consideration, 191; consideration continued, 194; read a third time and passed, 194; concurred in by the Senate, notice of, 233; enrolled and presented for the signature of the Speaker, 254; returned from the Senate, signed by the Speaker of, 304.

Delaware Laws, An amendment to Chapter 48 of the Current Volume of the, passed at Dover, March 24, 1875, entitled, An act to tax colored persons for the support of their own schools—notice of, intention to introduce given, 167; introduced and read, 244; read a second time and referred, 388.

Delaware Laws, An act to amend Chapter 48, Volume 15—received from the Senate, 450; read, 490; read a second time and referred, 508; reported back from the committee and committed to the committee on education, 584; reported back from committee, 651; read a third time and passed, 652; enrolled and signed by the Speaker of the Senate, notice of, 663; presented for the signature of the Speaker, 671.

Delaware Laws, An act to amend Chapter 48, Volume 15—entitled, An act to tax colored persons for the support of their own schools—notice of intention to introduce given, 295; introduced and read, 306; copies, 200, ordered to be printed, 306; new bill substituted, 312; referred to the committee on Education, 584; reported back from the committee, 651.

Delaware Laws, 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—introduced and read, 600; read a second time and referred, 600; reported back from the committee, 627; read a third time and passed, 630; concurred in by the Senate, notice of, under title, An act to amend Section 7, Chapter 53, Volume 15, Laws of Delaware, 655; enrolled and presented for the signature of the Speaker, 662; returned from the Senate signed by the Speaker of, 669.

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Delaware Laws, An act to amend Section 2, Chapter 83, Volume 15—notice of intention to introduce given, 290; introduced and read, 308; read a second time and referred, 321; reported back from the committee, 338; read a third time and passed, 350; concurred in by the Senate, notice of, 428; enrolled and presented for the signature of the Speaker, 453; returned from the Senate signed by the Speaker of, 477.

Delaware Laws, An act to amend Chapter 116, Volume 15—and Chapter 383, Volume 15—notice of intention to introduce given, 140.

Delaware Laws, An act to further amend Chapter 152, Volume 15, entitled, An act to incorporate the city of New Castle—notice of intention to introduce given, 391; introduced and read, 455; read a second time and referred, 498; reported back from the committee, 518; read a third time and passed, 520; concurred in by the Senate, notice of, 575; enrolled and presented for the signature of the Speaker, 583; returned from the Senate signed by the Speaker of, 617.

Delaware Laws, An act to amend Chapter 159, Current Volume—entitled, An act to incorporate the town of Lewes, and for other purposes, passed at Dover, March 10, 1875—notice of intention to introduce given, 226; introduced and read, 246; read a second time and referred, 263; reported back from the committee, 273; read a third time and passed, 281; concurred in by the Senate, notice of, 363; enrolled and presented for the signature of the Speaker, 419; returned from the Senate signed by the Speaker of, 462.

Delaware Laws, An act to amend Section 3 of Chapter 165, Volume 15 of, entitled, of husband and wife—notice of intention to introduce given, 399; introduced and read, 483; read a second time and referred, 538; reported back from the committee, 604; read a third time and passed, 636; concurred in by the Senate, notice of, 651; enrolled and presented for the signature of the Speaker, 660; returned from the Senate, signed by the Speaker of, 669.

Delaware Laws, An act to amend Chapter 190, Volume 15—notice of intention to introduce given, 299; introduced and

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read, 314; read a second time and referred, 352; reported back from the committee, 356; read a third time and passed, 366; concurred in by the Senate, notice of, 517; enrolled and presented for the signature of the Speaker, 534; returned from the Senate, signed by the Speaker of, 592.

Delaware Laws, An act to amend Chapter 192, Volume 15—notice of intention to introduce given, 377; introduced and read, 403; read a second time and referred, 439; reported back from the committee, 454; taken up for consideration, 456; read a third time and lost, 457.

Delaware Laws, An act to repeal Chapter 64, Volume 4—received from the Senate, 249; read, 250; read a second time and referred, 265; reported back from the committee, read a third time and passed, 275–276; enrolled and signed by the Speaker of the Senate, notice of, 305; presented for the signature of the Speaker, 672.

Delaware Laws, An act to revive Chapter 55—notice of intention to introduce given, 195; introduced and read, 210; read a second time and referred, 233; reported back from the committee, 264; read a third time and passed, 267; reconsidered and postponed, 268; taken up for consideration, amended, read a third time and passed, 303; concurred in by the Senate, notice of, 517; enrolled and presented for the signature of the Speaker, 534; returned from the Senate, signed by the Speaker of, 593.

Delaware Laws, An Act to repeal Chapters 300 and 615 of the 11th Volume of the Laws of this State—received from the Senate, 617; request by the Senate to return, and complied with, 623.

Delaware Laws, An act to repeal Section 14, Chapter 390, Volume 13 of—notice of intention to introduce given, 318; introduced and read, 332; read a second time and referred, 343; reported back from the committee; 371; read a third time and passed, 380; concurred in by the Senate, notice of, 517; enrolled and presented for the signature of the Speaker, 534; returned from the Senate, signed by the Speaker of, 592.

Delaware Laws, An act to repeal Chapter 389, Volume 14, en-

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titled, An act to prohibit Justices of the Peace of the power or Constables from taking costs in criminal cases—notice of intention to introduce given, 381; introduced and read, 404; read a second time and referred, 425; reported back from the committee, 486; read a third time and passed, 496; non-concurred in by the Senate, notice of, 582.

Delaware Laws, An act to repeal Chapter 419, Volume 14—notice of intention to introduce given, 261; introduced and read, 514; read a second time and referred, 568; reported back from the committee, 605; read a third time and passed, 623; concurred in by the Senate, with amendments, notice of, 654; amendments read and concurred in, 654; enrolled and presented for the signature of the Speaker, 662; returned from the Senate signed by the Speaker of, 669.

Delaware Laws, An act to repeal Chapter 419, Volume 14—received from Senate, 209; read, 266; read a second time and referred, 275; reported back from the committee, 297.

Delaware Laws, An act to repeal and supply Chapter 437; Volume 14—received from the Senate, 428; read, 515; read a second time and referred, 548; reported back from the committee, 587; read a third time and passed, 618; enrolled and signed by the Speaker of the Senate, notice of, 639; presented for the signature of the Speaker of, 660.

Delaware Laws, An act to repeal Chapter 445, Volume 14—received from the Senate, 291; read, 297; read a second time and referred, 314–315; reported back from the committee, 356; read a third time and passed, 360; enrolled and signed by the Speaker of the Senate, notice of, 411; presented for the signature of the Speaker of, 452.

Delaware Laws, An act to repeal Chapter 557, Volume 14—notice of intention to introduce given, 95; introduced and read, 109; read a second time and referred, 114; reported back from the committee, read a third time and passed, 118; concurred in by the Senate, notice of, 133; enrolled and presented for the signature of the Speaker, 141; returned from the Senate, signed by the Speaker of, 181.

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Delaware Laws, An act to repeal Chapter 60, 15th Volume—received from the Senate, 181; read, 184; read a second time and referred, 190; reported back from the committee, 215; taken up for consideration, 219; read a third time and passed, 222; enrolled and signed by the Speaker of the Senate, notice of, 261; presented for the signature of the Speaker, 264.

Delaware Laws, An act to repeal Chapter 60 of the Current Volume of—notice of intention to introduce given, 94; bill introduced under this notice entitled, An act to repeal the act entitled, An act authorizing the Levy Courts of the several counties in this State, to adopt measures for the destruction of hawks and owls, passed at Dover, March 23, 1875, 106; read a second time and referred, 109; reported from the committee and postponed, 120; taken up for consideration, 147-151; read a third time and passed, 151; non-concurred in by the Senate, notice of, 171.

Delaware Laws, An act to repeal Chapter 61 of Volume 15, entitled, An act taxing dogs and for the protection of sheep—notice of intention to introduce given, 10; introduced and read, 107; read a second time and referred, 120; reported from the committee, 123; taken up for consideration, 124; postponed, 125; taken up for consideration and postponed, 152; re-committed to the committee, 152; reported from the committee, 174; taken up and postponed, 179; taken up, read a third time and passed, 182-183; concurred in by the Senate, notice of, 218; enrolled, presented for signature of the Speaker, 224; returned from the Senate, signed by the Speaker of, 662.

Delaware Laws, An act to repeal Chapters 173 and 174, of the 15th Volume—notice of intention to introduce given, 289; introduced and read, 321; read a second time and referred, 367; reported back from the committee, read a third time and passed, 431; concurred in by the Senate, with amendments, notice of, 451; amendments read and concurred in, 479-480; enrolled and presented for the signature of the Speaker, 518; returned from the Senate signed by the Speaker of, 543.

Delaware Laws, A supplement to Chapter 418 of Volume 14—notice of intention to introduce given, 379; introduced and read, 388; read a second time and referred, 513.

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Delaware Laws, An act to repeal Chapter 188, of the 15th Volume—notice of intention to introduce given, 115.

Delaware Laws, An act to repeal Chapter 188, of the 15th Volume—notice of intention to introduce given, 352; introduced and read, 381; read a second time and referred, 386; reported back from committee, 454; read a second time and indefinitely postponed, 536-537.

Delaware Laws, A supplement to Chapter 418 of Volume 14—notice of intention to introduce given, 361.

Dilworth, Ida Valentine, An act to change the name of, to the name of Ida Valentine, and to make her, by adoption, a daughter and heir-at-law of Alexander Valentine—received from the Senate, 304; read, 314; read a second time and referred, 327; reported back from the committee, 338; taken up for consideration; 348; read a third time and passed, 349; enrolled and signed by the Speaker of the Senate, notice of, 410; presented for the signature of the Speaker, 452.

Ditches, An act to amend Chapter 444 of Volume 13 of the Laws of Delaware, entitled, of Ditches—notice of intention to introduce given, 329; introduced and read, 331; read a second time and referred, 360; reported back from the committee, 402; taken up, amended, read a third time and passed, 423; concurred in by the Senate, notice of, 517; enrolled and presented for the signature of the Speaker, 534; returned from the Senate, signed by the Speaker of, 592.

Ditches, An act to amend Chapter 59 of the Revised Code, relating to—notice of intention to introduce given, 392; introduced and read, 408; read a second time and referred, 438; reported back from the committee, 454; read a third time and passed, 612; non-concurred in by the Senate, notice of, 651.

Babcock, Lucy S., An act to divorce, and Grove L. Babcock, from the bonds of matrimony—reported, 284; read, 312; read a second time, 330; read a third time and passed, 428; concurred in by the Senate, notice of, 441; enrolled and presented for the signature of the Speaker, 453; returned from the Senate, signed by the Speaker of, 477.

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Butler, Sarah A., An act to divorce, and her husband, George W. Butler, from the bonds of matrimony—reported, 436; read, 472; read a second time, 506; read a third time and passed, 565; concurred in by the Senate, notice of, 638; enrolled and presented for the signature of the Speaker, 649; returned from the Senate, signed by the Speaker of, 668.

Chandler, Virginia, An act to divorce, from her husband, Jesse Chandler—reported and read, 394; read a second time, 421; read a third time and passed, 441; concurred in by the Senate, notice of, 493; enrolled and presented for the signature of the Speaker, 534; returned from the Senate, signed by the Speaker of, 593.

France, Annie G., An act to divorce, and her husband, Albert L. France, from the bonds of matrimony—reported and read, 387; read a second time, 394; read a third time and passed, 408; concurred in by the Senate, notice of, 441; enrolled and presented for the signature of the Speaker, 453; returned from the Senate, signed by the Speaker of, 477.

Griffith, Annie T., An act to divorce—notice of intention to introduce given, 391; introduced and read, 448; read a second time and referred, 459; reported back from the committee, 482; read a third time and passed, 484; concurred in by the Senate, notice of, 542; enrolled and presented for the signature of the Speaker, 552; returned from the Senate, signed by the Speaker of, 593.

Hearn, Samuel S., An act to divorce, and Georgiana Hearn from the bonds of matrimony—received from Senate, 595; read, 597; read a second time and referred, 610; reported back from the committee, 626; taken up for consideration, 626-627; read a third time and passed, 627-628; enrolled and signed by the Speaker of the Senate, notice of, 663; presented for the signature of the Speaker, 670.

Hickman, Sarah E., An act to divorce, from her husband, Caleb J. Hickman—notice of intention to introduce given, 392; introduced and read, 458; read a second time and referred, 471; reported back from the committee, 519; read a third time and passed, 565-566; concurred in by the Senate, notice of, 590; enrolled and presented for the signature of the Speaker, 649; returned from the Senate, signed by the Speaker of, 667.

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Johnson Joseph C., An act to divorce, and Leah J. Johnson, his wife, from the bonds of matrimony—reported, 401; read, 402; read a second time, 429; read a third time and passed, 456; concurred in by the Senate, notice of, 542; enrolled and presented for the signature of the Speaker, 552; returned from the Senate signed by the Speaker of, 593.

Lingo, Joseph B., An act to divorce, and Ellen Lingo, his wife, from the bonds of matrimony—reported, 401; read, 402; read a second time, 429; read a third time and passed, 455; concurred in by the Senate, notice of, 439; enrolled and presented for the signature of the Speaker, 518; returned from the Senate signed by the Speaker of, 543.

Randall, Robert E., An act to divorce, from the bonds of matrimony—reported and read, 390; read a second time, 406; taken up for consideration, 434-435; read a third time and passed, 435; concurred in by the Senate, notice of, 491; enrolled and presented for the signature of the Speaker, 493; returned from the Senate signed by the Speaker of, 661.

Robinett J. Percy, An act to divorce, from the bonds of matrimony—reported and read, 331; read a second time, 341; read a third time and passed, 364; concurred in by the Senate, notice of, 396; enrolled and presented for the signature of the Speaker, 400; returned from the Senate, signed by the Speaker of, 407.

Southard, Augustus N., An act to divorce, and Ella D. Southard from the bonds of matrimony—reported and read, 251; read a second time, 253; taken up for consideration, 256; postponed, 257; taken up and postponed, 296; taken up and postponed, 302; read a third time and passed, 317; concurred in by the Senate, notice of, 384; enrolled and presented for the signature of the Speaker, 453; returned from the Senate, signed by the Speaker of, 477.

Spencer, Mary, An act to divorce, from her husband, W. E. Spencer—notice of intention to introduce given, 392.

Walt, Susan, An act to divorce, from her husband, George A. Walt—reported, 284; read, 296; read a second time, 330; taken up for consideration, 352; read a third time and passed, 353;

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concurred in by the Senate, notice of, 428; enrolled and presented for the signature of the Speaker, 453; returned from the Senate, signed by the Speaker of, 477.

Wright, Sallie J., An act to divorce, from her husband, John B. Wright—reported, 338; read, 341; read a second time, 367; read a third time and passed, 381; concurred in by the Senate, notice of, 428; enrolled and presented for the signature of the Speaker, 453; returned from the Senate, signed by the Speaker of, 447.

Dogs taxing, An act to repeal Chapter 47 of Volume 15 of Delaware Laws, for school purposes—notice of intention to introduce given, 94; introduced and read, 111; read a second time and referred, 115; read a third time and passed, 122; concurred in by the Senate, notice of, 133; enrolled and presented for the signature of the Speaker, 141; returned from the Senate, signed by the Speaker of, 181.

Dogs, taxing, An act entitled, An act to repeal an act, and for the protection of sheep, passed at Dover, March 24, 1875—notice of intention to introduce given, 83.

Dover Hundred, An act to divide, in Kent county, into two hundreds, to be called respectively. East Dover hundred and West Dover hundred—notice of intention to introduce given, 208; introduced and read, 242; read a second time and referred, 247; reported back from the committee, 248; read a third time and passed, 248; concurred in by the Senate, notice of, 256; enrolled and presented for the signature of the Speaker, 272; returned from the Senate, signed by the Speaker of, 304.

Elections, place of holding, An act to change, in Broad Creek hundred, in Sussex county—reported and read, 471; read a second time, 491; read a third time and passed, 507; non-concurred in by the Senate, notice of, 555; returned to the Senate, 560.

Exemption, An act in relation to, of wages from execution attachments—notice of intention to introduce given, 390; introduced and read, 404; read a second time, 424; taken up for consideration and referred, 439; reported back from the committee, 454; read a third time and lost, 493.

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Exempt, An act to repeal the act entitled, An act to, from execution process, certain articles of personal property, passed at Dover, April 10, 1875—notice of intention to introduce given, 106; introduced and read, 117; read a second time and referred, 320; amendment offered and referred, 320; reported back from the committee, 338.

Exempt from execution, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to, process, certain articles of personal property, passed at Dover, April 10, 1873—received from the Senate, 517; read, 531; read a second time and referred, 548; reported back from the the committee and read a third time and passed, 630-631; enrolled and signed by the Speaker of the Senate, notice of, 663; presented for the signature of the Speaker, 670.

Fishermen, An act to repeal the act entitled a supplement to the act entitled An act for the protection of, passed at Dover, March 29, 1871—notice of intention to introduce given, 104; introduced and read, 106; read a second time and referred, 114; reported from the committee, read a third time and passed the House, 119; non-concurrence by the Senate, notice of, 133.

Fishermen, An act to repeal an act a supplement to an act entitled, An act for the protection of—received from the Senate, 181; read, 183; read a second time, 183; read a third time and passed, 184; enrolled, signed by the Speaker of the Senate, notice of, 210; presented for the signature of the Speaker of, 671.

Fishermen, An act to amend an act entitled, An act for the protection of—received from the Senate, 198; read, 228; read a second time and referred, 238; reported back from committee, 255; read a third time and lost, 262.

Fishery Commissioners, An act to provide for the appointment of a board of, and for the protection and propagation of fish, and appropriating money for the same—notice of intention to introduce given, 246; introduced and read, 262; read a second time and referred, 266; reported back from the committee, 486; read a third time and passed, 497-498; non-concurred in by the Senate, notice of, 621.

Fishing, An act in relation to, and to prohibit the catching of fish

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for exportation—reported and read, 576; read a second time and referred, 580; reported back from the committee, 605; taken up for consideration, 609; read a third time and passed, 610; concurred in by the Senate, notice of, 651; enrolled and presented for the signature of the Speaker, 660; returned from the Senate, signed by the Speaker of, 669.

Fish, Oysters and Game, 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—notice of intention to introduce given, 128; introduced, 195; read, 196; read a second time and referred, 396; reported back from the committee, 486; read a third time and passed, 628; non-concurred in by the Senate, notice of, 656.

Five Per Cent. Bonds, An act to provide for the negotiation of, to redeem bonds of 1865—reported, read, read a second time, 627; read a third time and passed, 627; non-concurred in by the Senate, notice of, 656.

Fraud, punishment for, An act to provide—notice of intention to introduce given, 398; introduced and read, 403; read a second time and referred, 422; reported back from the committee, 486; concurred in by the Senate, notice of, 591; enrolled and presented for the signature of the Speaker, 649; returned from the Senate, signed by the Speaker of, 667.

Guardians in vacation, An act authorizing the appointment of, by the Chancellor or Judge of the Orphans' Court—notice of intention to introduce given, 287; introduced and read, 299; read a second time and referred, 315; reported back from the committee, 338; read a third time and passed, 344; concurred in by the Senate, notice of, 428; enrolled and presented for the signature of the Speaker, 453; returned from the Senate, signed by the Speaker of, 477.

Hastings, Peter, An act to enable, to change the course of a public road running through his own lands—notice of intention to introduce given, 334; introduced and read, 342; read a second time and referred, 360; reported back from the committee, 383; read a third time and passed, 385-386; concurred in by the Senate, notice of, 476; enrolled and presented for the signature

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of the Speaker, 534; returned from the Senate, signed by the Speaker of, 592.

Horsey, George W., An act transferring the home and mansion farm of, from School District No. 46, in Sussex county, to School District No. 51, in Sussex county—received from Senate, 122; read, 123; read a second time and referred, 125; reported back from the committee, 173; taken up, read a third time and lost, 175-176.

Horsey, George W., An act transferring the home and mansion farm of, from School District No. 46, in Sussex county, to School District No. 51, in Sussex county—reported, 371; read a second time, 376; read a third time and passed, 386; concurred in by the Senate, notice of, 409; enrolled and presented for the signature of the Speaker, 453; returned from the Senate, signed by the Speaker of, 477.

Idiotic Children, An act for the relief of, of the State of Delaware—received from the Senate, 542; read, 544; read a second time and referred, 565; reported back from the committee, 583; read a third time and passed, 600; enrolled and signed by the Speaker of the Senate, notice of, 622; presented for the signature of the Speaker, 649.

American Basket Company, An act to incorporate, of New Britain, Connecticut—received from the Senate, 542; read, 574; read a second time and referred, 579; reported back from the committee, with amendments, 598; taken up for consideration and laid on the table, 605; taken up for consideration, 620; read a third time and passed, 621; enrolled and signed by the Speaker of the Senate, notice of, 663; presented for the signature of the Speaker, 670.

Benedictine Order, An act to incorporate the, of the Sacred Heart of Wilmington, Delaware—notice of intention to introduce given, 279; introduced and read, 291; read a second time and referred, 301; reported back from the committee, 324; taken up for consideration, 327; read a third time and passed, 328; concurred in by the Senate, notice of, 384; enrolled and presented for the signature of the Speaker, 419; returned from the Senate, signed by the Speaker of, 461.

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Black Swamp Ditch Company, An act to revive, re-enact, amend and supplement the act entitled, An act to incorporate the, passed at Dover, February 10, 1841—notice of intention to introduce given, 280; introduced and read, 313-314; read a second time and referred, 366; reported back from the committee, 401; taken up for consideration and amended, 443; read a third time and passed, 444; concurred in by the Senate, notice of, 543; enrolled and presented for the signature of the Speaker, 552; returned from the Senate, signed by the Speaker of, 595.

Bradford Paint Company, An act to incorporate the—notice of intention to introduce given, 391; introduced and read, 426; read a second time and referred, 437; reported back from the committee, 468; read a third time and passed, 494; concurred in by the Senate with an amendment, 554; amendment read and concurred in, 561; enrolled and presented for the signature of the Speaker, 603; returned from the Senate, signed by the Speaker of, 664.

Brandywine Water Power Company, A supplement to an act entitled, An act to incorporate the, passed at Dover, February 12, 1867—received from the Senate, 428; read a second time and referred, 511; reported back from the committee, 552; read a third time and passed, 572; enrolled and signed by the Speaker of the Senate, notice of, 594; presented for the signature of the Speaker, 625.

Canal, 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, between the Cheseapeake Bay and Bay or River Delaware, or the waters thereof—notice of intention to introduce given, 159; introduced and read, 166; read a second time and referred, 176; reported back from the committee, 203; taken up for consideration, 207; read a third time and passed, 208; concurred in by the Senate, notice of, 239; enrolled and presented for the signature of the Speaker, 254; returned from the Senate, signed by the Speaker of, 304.

Casho Machine Company, An act to amend an act entitled, An act to incorporate the, passed at Dover, January 28, 1873—received from the Senate, 128; read, 129; read a second time and referred, 136; reported back from the committee, 142;

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read a third time and passed, 177; enrolled, signed by the Speaker of the Senate, notice of, 209; presented for the signature of the Speaker, 671.

Centreville Hall Company, An act to incorporate the—received from the Senate, 267; read, 267; read a second time and referred, 281; reported back from the committee, 306; taken up for consideration, 315; read a third time and lost, 316; reconsidered and passed, 316; enrolled and signed by the Speaker of the Senate, notice of, 354; presented for the signature of the Speaker, 383.

City of New Castle, An act to amend Chapter 152, Volume 15, Laws of Delaware, entitled, An act to incorporate the—notice of intention to introduce given, 356; introduced and read, 372; read a second time and referred, 384; reported back from the committee, 401; read a third time and passed, 415; concurred in by the Senate, notice of, 451; enrolled and presented for the signature of the Speaker, 501; returned from the Senate with the signature of the Speaker of, 526.

City Missions, An act to incorporate the board of, and church extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in the city of Wilmington—notice of intention to introduce given, 278-279; introduced and read, 290; read a second time and referred, 301; reported back from the committee, 324; read a third time and passed, 342; concurred in by the Senate, notice of, 409; enrolled and presented for the signature of the Speaker, 453; returned from the Senate, signed by the Speaker of, 477.

Delaware Railroad Company, A further additional supplement to the act entitled, An act to incorporate the—received from the Senate, 542; read, 551; read a second time and referred, 551; reported back from the committee, 598; read a third time and passed, 615-616; enrolled and signed by the Speaker of the Senate, notice of, 639; presented for the signature of the Speaker, 660.

Delaware State Grange Mutual Fire Insurance Company, An act to incorporate the—notice of intention to introduce given, 332; introduced and read, 351; read a second time and referred, 387; reported back from the committee, 401; read a third time and passed, 432; concurred in by the Senate, notice of, 543;

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enrolled and presented for the signature of the Speaker, 603; returned from the Senate, signed by the Speaker of, 663.

Delaware State Fire and Marine Insurance Company, An act to incorporate the—introduced and read, 579; reported back from the committee, 599; read a third time and passed, 611.

Delaware Fire Insurance Company, A supplement to an act entitled, An act to incorporate the—notice of intention to introduce given, 125; introduced and read, 128; read a second time and referred, 136; reported back from the committee, 142; read a third time and passed, 153-154; concurred in by the Senate, notice of, 170; enrolled and presented for the signature of the Speaker, 202; returned from the Senate signed by the Speaker of, 230.

Delmar and Millsborough Railroad Company, An act to incorporate the—received from the Senate, 345; read, 352; read a second time and referred, 360; reported back from the committee, 468; read a third time and passed, 473; enrolled and signed by the Speaker of the Senate, notice of, 526; presented for the signature of the Speaker, 552.

Diamond State Shoe and Leather Company, An act to incorporate the—notice of intention to introduce given, 177; introduced and read, 212; read a second time and referred, 229; reported back from the committee, 273; read a third time and passed, 287-288; concurred in by the Senate, notice of, 326; enrolled and presented for the signature of the Speaker, 337; returned from the Senate, signed by the Speaker of, 411.

Dover Public Schools, An act to incorporate the Board of Education of the—notice of intention to introduce given, 137; introduced and read, 146-147; read a second time and referred, 157; reported back from the committee, 297; amendments offered, 297; re-committed, 298; reported back from committee, 306; amended, read a third time and passed, 313; concurred in by the Senate, notice of, 409; enrolled and presented for the signature of the Speaker, 453; returned from the Senate, signed by the Speaker of, 477.

Dover, Town of, An act re-incorporating the—notice of intention to introduce given, 288; introduced and read, 307; read a

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second time and referred, 315; reported back from the committee, 355; taken up for consideration and postponed, 358; taken up for consideration and amended, 361; read a third time and passed, 362; concurred in, with an amendment, by the Senate, notice of, 442; amendments concurred in, 442; enrolled and presented for the signature of the Speaker, 552; returned from the Senate, signed by the Speaker of, 593.

Duck Creek Improvement Company, A further supplement to the act entitled, An act to incorporate the—notice of intention to introduce given, 333; introduced and read, 347; read a second time and referred, 367; reported back from the committee, 401; read a third time and passed, 431; concurred in by the Senate with amendments, notice of, 555; Senate amendments concurred in, 588; enrolled and presented for the signature of the Speaker, 649; returned from the Senate, signed by the Speaker of, 667.

Enterprise Building and Loan Association, An act to incorporate the, of the city of New Castle—notice of intention to introduce given, 340; introduced and read, 360; read a second time and referred, 374; reported back from the committee, 401; read a third time and passed, 414; concurred in by the Senate, notice of, 451; enrolled and presented for the signature of the Speaker, 485; returned from the Senate, signed by the Speaker of, 496.

Every Evening Publishing Company, A supplement to the act entitled, An act to incorporate the, passed, February 23, 1875—received from the Senate, 475; read, 499; read a second time and referred, 504; reported back from the committee, amended, read a third time and passed, 512-513; amendment concurred in by the Senate, notice of, 518; enrolled, signed by the Speaker of the Senate, notice of, 543; presented for the signature of the Speaker, 604.

Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Mill Creek hundred, An act to amend and renew the Charter of the—notice of intention to introduce given, 135-136; introduced and read, 145; read a second time and referred, 157; reported back from the committee, 199; taken up for consideration and re-committed, 199; reported back from the committee, 203; taken up for consideration, read a third time and passed, 205-206; concurred in by the Senate, notice of, 249; enrolled and presented for the sig-

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nature of the Speaker, 283; returned from the Senate, signed by the Speaker of, 304.

Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company, An act to amend the act to re-incorporate the, of the State of Delaware, passed at Dover, March 5, 1867—notice of intention to introduce given, 391; introduced and read, 405; read a second time and referred, 422; reported back from the committee, 468; read a third time and passed, 491; concurred in by the Senate, notice of, 555; enrolled and presented for the signature of the Speaker, 603; returned from the Senate, signed by the Speaker of, 664.

Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company of St. George's and Appoquinimink hundreds, An act to amend an act entitled, An act to amend and renew the Charter of the, in New Castle county, for the period of twenty years, passed at Dover, January 22, 1869—received from the Senate, 410; read, 460-461; read a second time and referred, 505; reported back from the committee, 518; read a third time and passed, 577; enrolled and signed by the Speaker of the Senate, notice of, 594; presented for the signature of the Speaker, 671.

Felton, Town of, 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, and for other purposes, passed at Dover, April 8th, 1869—notice of intention to introduce given, 365; introduced and read, 375; read a second time and referred, 388; reported back from the committee, 402; read a third time and passed, 416; concurred in by the Senate, notice of, 476; enrolled and presented for the signature of the Speaker, 501; returned from the Senate, signed by the Speaker of, 526.

Front and Union Street Railway Company, of Wilmington, An act to incorporate the—notice of intention to introduce given, 199; introduced and read, 209; read a second time and referred, 216; reported back from the committee, 255; read a third time and passed, 260; concurred in by the Senate, notice of, 345; enrolled and presented for the signature of the Speaker, 452; returned from the Senate, signed by the Speaker of, 671.

Georgetown Manufacturing and Fruit Preserving Company, An act to incorporate the—received from the Senate, 209; read, 210; read a second time and referred, 219; reported back from the