

SAME DAY, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Broadaway offered the following Joint Resolution :

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Delaware, in General Assembly met, That both branches of this General Assembly will adjourn on Friday next, *sine die*.

And moved its adoption.

Pending which,

Mr. Appleton moved,

That the further consideration of the same be postponed till to-morrow.

Which,

On being put,

Was

Lost.

Mr. Betts now moved,

To amend the Resolution by striking out the words "*sine die*," and inserting in lieu the words "till the first Tuesday in May next."

Which,

On being put,

Was

Lost.

The question recurring on the motion to adopt.

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Boyce, Broadaway, Calhoon, Clements, Cochran, Collins, Davis, J. A. Moore, Robinson, Virden, C. Williamson—11.

Nays—Messrs. Appleton, Betts, Chandler, Churchman, Higgins, Jonathan Moore, Phillips, Rickards, Waples, Mr. Speaker—10.

So the motion

Prevailed.

And the Resolution was adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Pratt, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed and concurred in the House bill entitled :

"An act in relation to Chancery Jurisdiction in reference to relief from forfeiture."

Also, presented sundry enrolled Senate bills for the signature of the Speaker of the House, the same having received the signature of the Speaker of the Senate, entitled as follows :

"An act to revive an act entitled 'An act to enable Waitman Jones to locate certain vacant land in North West Fork Hundred in Sussex County, and complete his title to the same.'"

"An act to amend section 63, of chapter 111, of the Revised Code, in relation to the lien of executions as against subsequent execution creditors."

On motion of Mr. Robinson,

The Senate "Joint Resolution authorizing the State Treasurer to pay a certain sum of money to the Secretary of State,"

Was taken up for consideration.

The question being on the motion to concur,

And the vote being taken thereon,

The motion *Prevailed.*

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

Mr. Chandler presented the remonstrance of Jerome Walker and others, citizens of New Castle County, against the passage of any law altering the general Assessment Laws."

Which,

On his motion,

Was read, and referred to the committee to whom was referred the petition of Jos. G. Cleaver, et. al., on the same subject.

On motion of Mr. Appleton,

The bill entitled "An act securing the enjoyment of the right of suffrage to the volunteers from this State,"

Was read a second time by its title.

Mr. Broadaway presented the petition of Joseph T. Rash and

others, praying a repeal of a certain act preventing swine running at large.

Which,

On his motion,

Was read, and referred to a committee of three, with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Whereupon,

Messrs. Broadway, Waples and Chandler, were appointed said committee.

On motion of Mr. Clements,

The bill entitled "An act to change the name of the place called "Chapeltown," in Dover Hundred, Kent County, Delaware,"

Was read a third time by paragraphs, and

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Robinson offered the following Joint Resolutions,

Which were read :

Joint Resolutions in relation to the proposed Emancipation bill :

WHEREAS, there has been circulated among the members of this General Assembly, a printed draft for a Law to be entitled "An act for the gradual emancipation of Slaves in the State of Delaware, with just compensation to their owners." And whereas many of the members of this General Assembly have been requested to support it, the said draft being in the following words :

"An act for the gradual emancipation of Slaves in the State of Delaware, with just compensation to their owners :"

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Delaware, in General Assembly met,* That from and after the first day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two there shall be, in the State of Delaware neither slavery nor involuntary servitude except as punishment for crime, whereof the person shall have been legally convicted, but that from and after the first day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, every person residing in the said State shall be absolutely free, except only such persons as may have been legally convicted of crime and duly sentenced to servitude as punishment therefor.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That every person, now held in slavery or involuntary servitude otherwise than as punishment for crime as aforesaid, that shall, at the time when this Act goes into operation as hereinafter provided, be above the age of thirty-five years or shall arrive at that age within ninety days thereafter, whether such person be held as a slave for life or for any shorter period, shall, at and upon the expiration of ninety days after the time when this Act goes into operation, become and be absolutely free and discharged from such slavery or servitude, and every such person as shall thereafter arrive at the age of thirty-five years before the said first day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two shall upon arrival at that age become and be absolutely free, so that there shall after the expiration of ninety days from the time when this Act goes into operation as hereinafter provided, be no person above the age of thirty-five years, in this State, who shall not be free, except only being duly convicted of crime as aforesaid.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That every person who shall be born after the period when this Act goes into operation and whose mother shall at the time of such birth be a slave, shall nevertheless be deemed and taken to be born free, but the master or person who would, but for this Act, have been the owner of such person shall have the right to the service of such person, if a male, until he shall arrive at the age of twenty-one years, and if a female until she be of the age of eighteen years, but such right to the service shall not impart any right of property in the person, but in the service only, after the manner of an indented servant.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That every person now in being or to be born before the time when this Act shall go into operation and being then held in slavery or involuntary servitude except for crime as aforesaid and who, if male would be under the age of twenty-one years, or if female, under the age of eighteen

years on the first day of January, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two shall be absolutely free on the said first day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, and every person who shall be declared free, by deed of freedom executed before the first day of January in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two and before arrival at these ages respectively, as hereinafter provided, shall be absolutely free on the execution of the deed of freedom, but in either case, the master or person, who would, but for this Act, have been the owner of such person, shall have the right to the service of such person, if a male, until he shall arrive at the age of twenty-one years, and if a female, until she be of the age of eighteen years, but such right to the service shall not impart any right of property in the person but in the service only, after the manner of an indented servant.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That no slave or person held to involuntary servitude, except for crime as aforesaid, shall be exported from this State, and the faith of the State is pledged to the United States to prevent, as far as possible, the carrying of any person out of the said State into slavery or involuntary servitude beyond the limits thereof.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the foregoing sections and provisions are enacted and declared upon the express condition, and for the consideration that the United States of America, will at the present session of Congress, engage by law to pay and thereafter faithfully pay to the State of Delaware, such payment to be by the bonds of the United States, bearing interest at the rate of six per centum per annum, the sum of nine hundred thousand dollars, in ten equal annual payments, the first instalment of ninety thousand dollars to be payable on some day before the first day of September, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, to be fixed in the act of Congress accepting the terms hereof and providing for the said payment, and the residue in nine equal instalments annually thereafter and at and upon the passage of such law by the Congress of the United States and the delivery to the Treasurer of this State of the bonds of the United States as aforesaid in payment of the first instalment of ninety thousand dollars as aforesaid, then this act shall immediately go into full effect and operation.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That the sum of nine hundred thousand dollars so as aforesaid to be paid to the State of Delaware by the United States of America, is hereby declared to be a fund for securing full and fair compensation as hereinafter provided, to the owners of slaves who shall have been divested of their property by force of this act.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That the mode of compensation shall be as follows: There shall be one Assessor and three Commissioners of appeals in each County. The said Assessor shall assess every slave in his County annually until the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, at the true value thereof in money and in such assessment shall estimate the value of the slave at the time of the assessment as though this act had not been passed. He shall set down on his assessment list the name of the owner or master, the name, age, sex and description of the slave and the time which such slave would have had to serve but for this act, and the amount at which such slave is assessed.

The first assessment shall be completed within ninety days after this act goes into operation, and every subsequent assessment by the day of annually thereafter until the year eighteen hundred and seventy-two. On the Thursday next after the ninety days limited for the completion of the first assessment, and on the Thursday next after the said day of annually thereafter, the Commissioners of appeals and the assessors with their assessment lists shall meet at the Court House in their respective Counties, and the said Commissioners shall hear appeals, if any, and examine, adjust and settle the assessed value of the slaves respectively, and in so doing they or a majority of them shall have power to increase or diminish any valuation which they may deem improper, and any such assessment when so settled shall be final and conclusive, and the value so settled shall be considered the proper value of such slaves respectively, until a subsequent assessment shall be made in like manner. The list so settled shall be signed by all the Commissioners, and each Assessor, shall within ten days after the said adjustment and settlement make out three copies of his assessment list as settled and adjusted, and retaining one of the said copies himself shall transmit one of said copies to the State Treasurer, another of said copies to the Auditor of Accounts, and the original list as settled and signed to the Clerk of the Peace of his County, to be by him filed in his office. Before entering upon their duties the Assessors and Commissioners shall be severally and duly sworn or affirmed to discharge the duties of their respective offices with fidelity and impartiality. The compensation of the Assessors, shall be as follows:—To the Assessor of New Castle County, two hundred dollars; to the Assessor of Kent County, two hundred dollars; and to the Assessor of Sussex County, four hundred dollars; for each year in which an Assessment shall be made, to be paid by the State Treasurer at any time after the return of the Assessment list to the Clerk of the Peace, as aforesaid.

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted, That*
 is hereby appointed Assessor for New
 Castle County ;
 for Kent County ; and
 Sussex County ; and that
 and
 Commissioners of appeals for New Castle County ;
 and

for Kent County ; and
 and
 for Sussex County ; who shall
 severally discharge the duties prescribed for them respectively, until
 the session of the General Assembly, which shall be in the year
 eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, at which session the General
 Assembly shall appoint one person as assessor and three persons
 as commissioners for each of the said counties who shall respectively
 be the assessor and commissioners until the first day of January
 eighteen hundred and seventy-two. In case the General Assembly
 shall then fail to appoint, the assessor and commissioners then
 in office shall continue until the General Assembly shall at some
 future session appoint other commissioners and assessors in their
 stead.

In case of vacancy in any office of assessor or commissioner by
 death, refusal or otherwise, the Governor shall appoint to fill the
 vacancy, and in case of the happening of such vacancy in the office
 of assessor the duties prescribed have been in part performed, the
 person appointed to fill the vacancy shall adopt the assessment of
 his predecessor if he can obtain it, and it shall be valid as far as it
 goes.

SEC. 10. *And be it further enacted, That* the several instal-
 ments of ninety thousand dollars, as they shall be severally re-
 ceived, shall be held and applied by the State Treasurer, as follows :

1st. To the payment, as compensation of the sum assessed as the
 value of such slaves as may then be of the age of thirty-five years,
 or to become of that age before the period of the payment of the
 next instalment.

2d. To the payment of the sum assessed as the value of the
 slaves of such owners as shall voluntarily apply to the State
 Treasurer for compensation, at the true value of the said slaves, as
 determined by the then existing assessment.

3d To the payment, as compensation for such as may remain
 slaves until the first day of January eighteen hundred and sev-
 enty-two, and be then entitled to freedom by force of the limitation

contained in this act in that behalf, at the true value as ascertained by then the existing assessment.

SEC. 11. *And be it further enacted*, That when any person shall desire to free any slave, for compensation, as herein before provided, before the time when such slave would otherwise become free by the provisions of this act, such person shall tender to the State Treasurer a deed of freedom duly executed under his hand and seal, attested by at least one competent witness and properly acknowledged, as provided by law in regard to other deeds, whereupon the State Treasurer, if he have money in his hands applicable to such payment, shall pay to such person the sum at which such slave stands assessed at the time of the execution of the deed of freedom, but if he shall not then have any money applicable, he shall note on his list the fact and date of the tender of the deed and such person shall be entitled, until the next assessment, and so long as he shall, in the mean time remain the owner of such slave, to priority of payment according to the priority of tender, whensoever thereafter there may be money in the hands of the State Treasurer applicable thereto, and the same shall be requested by such owner accompanied by the delivery of the deed to the State Treasurer. Upon such payment and delivery, the deed of freedom shall become absolute, and the State Treasurer shall, within thirty days thereafter, cause the said deed to be lodged, for record in the Recorder's office of the County in which such master or owner resides, if a resident, or if a non-resident then, in the County in which the slave shall have been assessed. The fee for recording shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of the fund in his hands. A failure on the part of the State Treasurer, to lodge the deed for record shall not affect the validity of the deed.

SEC. 12. *And be it further enacted*, That in case there be any slave or person held to involuntary servitude other than for crime as aforesaid, remaining on the first day of January eighteen hundred and seventy two, who may not theretofore have become free, either by arriving to the age of thirty-five years or by the voluntary act of the master or owner or otherwise, then at and upon said first day of January eighteen hundred and seventy-two the master or owner shall be entitled to receive from the State Treasurer the sum at which the said slave or person held to involuntary servitude shall stand assessed on the assessment list then last made and returned as aforesaid, which sum shall be deemed and taken to be in full payment and compensation for such slave or person held to servitude as aforesaid, and on and after the said first day of January, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, there

shall be neither slavery nor involuntary servitude in the State of Delaware, except as punishment for crime, as aforesaid.

SEC. 13. *And be it further enacted*, That in case the owner or master shall refuse or neglect to take the sum assessed as the value of any slave who may become free by the operation of this act, or shall be a minor, non-resident, or otherwise omit or fail to receive the same for any cause whatsoever, then the State Treasurer may deposite the sum so assessed as the value, to the credit of such owner or master, in the Farmers Bank of the State of Delaware, in the County in which such slave is assessed, and such deposite shall operate as payment in the same manner as if such owner or master had received the same.

SEC. 14. *And be it further enacted*, That if any Assessor shall knowingly and wilfully assess, any slave upon any other principle than the actual value thereof he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined in any sum not exceeding five hundred dollars. The words "the true value thereof in money" used in this act in relation to assessments shall be understood to mean and are hereby declared to mean, the fair cash value of such slave, if sold in this State, to a person residing therein, and such slave to be employed only in this State and no assessment of value shall be based on any other principle.

If any assessors shall fail to return the original list to the Clerk of the Peace or the copies thereof to the State Treasurer and Auditor within ten days as above prescribed or shall return a false list, or shall alter any assessment after the same shall have been settled, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be fined not less than fifty nor more than two hundred dollars.

SEC. 15. *And be it further enacted*, That any person owning a slave or slaves or having the management thereof shall deliver to the Assessor when required an account thereof, stating the age and the term of service, which shall be dated and signed, but such statement shall not be conclusive, but the Assessor shall view the slave and make up his own judgement and determination, and shall return to the State Treasurer, the account so given with the copy of his assessment list. If any person, when required, shall refuse or omit to give in any slave to the Assessor or wilfully misstate the age or term of service, such person shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined not exceeding one hundred dollars.

SEC. 16. *And be it further enacted*. That as to children of slave mothers born after this Act goes into operation, and also

as to such persons mentioned in the fourth section hereof as are to serve until the ages of eighteen and twenty-one respectively, they shall until the General Assembly shall further provide for the regulation of the relation of master and servant as mentioned in the third and fourth section of this Act, be considered as persons bound under the third section of chapter 79 of the Revised Statutes, and all law relating to such persons, shall, so far as the same may be applicable, be extended and applied to them respectively.

SEC. 17. *And be it further enacted*, That no slave or person held to involuntary service shall after the time when this Act shall go into operation as herein before provided, be brought or sent into this State except as follows :

First Until the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and seventy two, a slave escaping from this State may be lawfully brought back.

Second. Until the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and seventy two, any resident of the State may employ his slaves being mariners or watermen in or out of the State, in the due course of such employment, the same being duly brought back.

Third, Any person at any time hereafter coming into this State upon a visit or for a transient purpose, may bring any slaves for his attendance, and carry them back.

Fourth, Any person residing in the State of Maryland may at any time hereafter send his slaves into this State, on an errand of business.

Fifth, Until the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, any person residing in this State, and at any time hereafter any person residing in the State of Maryland and occupying land through which the State line runs, may lawfully pass and re-pass his slaves in the due course of employment or any part of said land.

Any slave or person held to involuntary servitude who may be brought back or sent into this State otherwise than as above excepted, and not being a person fleeing or escaping within the pervuew of the second section of the fourth Article of the Constitution of the United States, shall thereby become and be free ; and any provision of law to the contrary thereof is hereby repealed.

SEC. 18. *And be it further enacted*, That in addition to the se.

curity now required by law, the State Treasurer who may be in office at the time when this Act shall go into operation shall give bond in the penal sum of one hundred thousand dollars with sufficient sureties, to be approved by the Governor; such bond to be in the form now prescribed by law. and all monies, bonds and securities that shall come into his hands by reason of this Act shall be deemed to be in his hands as State Treasurer; and the condition of the official bond heretofore given as well as the bond hereby required shall be deemed and taken to extend to the monies, bonds and securities which shall accrue and come to his hands by reason of this Act.

In case he shall not, within twenty days after this act shall go into operation, give bond as above required, his office shall be deemed vacant and another person shall be appointed State Treasurer. In case of future appointments of State Treasurer, until the General Assembly shall otherwise direct, the sum in which he shall be required to be bound shall be one hundred and thirty thousand dollars instead of thirty thousand as now provided by law.

SEC. 19. *And be it further enacted*, That the State Treasurer shall from time to time as may be proper and for the best interest of the fund, dispose of the bonds that may come to his hands, so far as may be necessary to keep himself in funds, to carry out the purposes of this act.

SEC. 20. *And be it further enacted*, That as compensation for the increased duties imposed on him by this act, the State Treasurer shall receive annually, the sum of five hundred dollars in addition to the sum now provided by law.

SEC. 21. *And be it further enacted*, That immediately upon the passage of the act of Congress, and on receipt of the bonds of the United States, in payment of the first instalment of ninety thousand dollars as aforesaid, the State Treasurer shall inform the Governor thereof, and the Governor is requested to issue his Proclamation announcing the fact, and the Secretary of State is directed to cause this act with such Proclamation to be published in all the newspapers of this State, for the space of three months, for public information.

AND WHEREAS, it is uncertain that said proposition will be submitted to this General Assembly for its action ; nevertheless, viewing it to be unworthy of their support, they desire to place upon record the grounds of their condemnation : Therefore,

1. *Resolved*, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Delaware, in General Assembly met, That the members of this Legislature were not elected with a view to the passage of any act for the emancipation of Slaves, but with the understanding, either expressed or implied, that legislation upon the distracting subject of slavery was hostile to the public peace and therefore to be avoided ; that the passage of the Act, drafted as aforesaid, inasmuch as it renders Congressional action necessary, would, upon the apparent application of the State of Delaware, introduce the Slavery question into Congress, would encourage the abolition element therein, and fortify it in its purpose to destroy entirely all property in Slaves, and furthermore would be injurious to the quiet and harmony that prevail in this State.

2. *Be it further Resolved*, by the authority aforesaid, That it is the opinion of this General Assembly that Congress has no right to appropriate a dollar for the purchase of Slaves ; and that such a proposal, coming from the source to which it is traceable, evinces a design on the part of some of those having the control of our National affairs to abolish Slavery in the States.

3. *Resolved further*, That this General Assembly having in mind the interests of the people of Delaware, are not willing, especially at a time of financial embarrassment and distrust like the present, to make the State of Delaware a guarantor of any debt the payment of which depends upon the mere pledge of public faith ; that the confidence of the people of this State that nothing would ever be done to promote a disunion of our National system, but that it would remain, as expressed by Webster, "One and inseparable, now and forever," having been impaired by the events of the last two years, we are and should be very cautious in resting our obligations on the mere faith of others ; that by accepting the terms to be offered by the United States, we should, upon grounds of the plainest equity, be held to have pledged the faith of Delaware for the payment of nine hundred thousand dollars as mentioned in the draft aforesaid ; that, keeping in mind the fact that the power of the nation is now put forth to suppress a rebellion prevailing throughout a very large portion of its territory, and that in consequence of such rebellion and the uncertainty of its being speedily quelled, the stocks of the United States which heretofore brought in the market a sum far beyond the par value thereof, are now selling at a continually in-

creasing rate of discount; we are unwilling to pledge the faith of Delaware (a faith which has never been violated) that the proposed mode of payment is safe and proper.

4. *Resolved further*, That when the people of Delaware desire to abolish slavery within her borders, they will do so in their own way, having due regard to strict equity; that any interference from without, and all suggestions of saving expense to the people, or others of like character, are improper to be made to an honorable people such as we represent, and are hereby repelled; that though the State of Delaware is small and her people not of the richest, they are beyond the reach of any who would promote an end by improper interference and solicitations.

5. *Resolved further*, That a copy of the foregoing, duly attested, be transmitted to each of our Senators, and to our Representative in Congress, to be laid before their respective Houses.

On motion of Mr. Betts,

The further consideration was postponed till to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Broadway,

The bill entitled "An act calling a Convention to abolish life tenures in office and property qualifications for office, and to cause more of the public officers to be elected by the people; and also to effect such other amendments to the Constitution of this State, as may be necessary and proper,"

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

The question being,

"Shall this be section 1 of the bill?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Broadway, Clements, J. A. Moore, Jonathan Moore, Virden, C. Williamson—6.

Nays—Messrs. Appleton, Betts, Boyce, Calhoon, Chandler, Churchman, Cochran, Collins, Davis, Higgins, Phillips, Rickards, Robinson, Waples, Mr. Speaker—15.

So the first section was *Lost.*

And the bill was *Lost.*

On motion of Mr. C. Williamson,

The Senate bill entitled "An act to change the place of voting in Mispillion Hundred in Kent County,"

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

The question being,

"Shall this bill pass the House?"

Which,

On being put,

Was *Lost.*

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

On motion of Mr. Betts,

The bill entitled "An act to allow money to be attached in the hands of a Sheriff,"

Was read a second time by its title.

On motion of Mr. Robinson,

Rule 7th of the House was suspended in order to introduce a bill without notice previously given.

Whereupon,

Mr. Robinson asked, and,

On motion of Mr. Broadaway,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled "An act to amend chapter 125, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware."

Which,

On motion of Mr. Robinson,

Was read.

On motion of Mr. J. A. Moore;

The Senate bill entitled "An act to repeal a certain act hereinafter mentioned,"

Was taken up for consideration.

The question being,

"Shall this bill pass the House?"

Which,

On being put,

Was

Lost.

So the bill was

Lost.

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

On motion of Mr. Robinson,

The Senate bill entitled "An act to repeal the act entitled 'An act to incorporate a Bank at Seaford in the County of Sussex under the name of the Seaford Bank at Seaford,'"

Was taken up and read.

Mr. Churchman presented the remonstrance of Joseph Hanby and others, against the passage of a general militia law.

Which,

On his motion,

Was read, and referred to the committee to whom was referred the petition of Philemma Chandler et al., on the same subject.

On motion of Mr. Robinson,

Rule 12th was suspended in order to read a bill a second time by special order.

Whereupon,

On motion of Mr. Robinson,

The bill entitled "An act to amend chapter 125, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware,"

Was read a second time by its title.

On motion of Mr. Churchman,

The bill entitled "An act to amend chapter 11 of the Revised Code, relating to the valuation of property,"

Was taken up for consideration.

Whereupon,

Mr. Rickards moved,

That the further consideration of the same be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Robinson moved,

To amend said motion by striking out the word "indefinitely," and adding after the word "postponed," the words "till January next."

Which motion to amend

Prevailed.

The question being on the motion to postpone as amended,

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Chandler, Collins, Davis, J. A. Moore, Robinson, Virden, Waples C. Williamson—8.

Nays—Messrs. Appleton, Betts, Boyce, Broadway, Calhoon, Churchman, Clements, Cochran, Higgins, Jonathan Moore, Phillips, Rickards, Mr. Speaker—13.

So the motion to postpone till January next,

Was

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Robinson,

The further consideration of the bill was postponed till to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Churchman,

The House adjourned,

THURSDAY, *February 6, 1862, 10 o'clock, A. M.*

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. Betts presented the account of John H. Bateman against the State, for postage stamps and postage.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Accounts.

On motion of Mr. Robinson,

The "Joint Resolutions in relation to the proposed Emancipation bill,"

Were taken up for consideration and read.

Mr. Appleton moved,

That the further consideration of the Resolutions be indefinitely postponed.

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Appleton, Betts, Chandler, Churchman, Higgins, Jonathan Moore, Phillips, Rickards, Waples, Mr. Speaker—10.

Nays—Messrs. Boyce, Broadway, Calhoon, Clements, Cochran, Collins, Davis, J. A. Moore, Robinson, Virden, C. Williamson—11.

So the motion was

Lost.

Mr. Pratt, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had non-concurred in the House bill entitled "An act to open a public road in Milford Hundred, in Kent County."

Also, that the Senate had concurred in the House "Joint Resolutions requesting an appropriation from the General Government for defending the Coast."

Also, Resolution of thanks to Captain Samuel F. du Pont."

Also, returned sundry enrolled House bills, the same having received the signature of the Speaker of the Senate. Entitled :

"An act to authorize the Prothonotary of New Castle County to record a certain paper in his office."

"A supplement to the act entitled 'An act to create a Board of Fire Wardens in the city of Wilmington,' passed at Dover March 5, 1861."

"An act to authorize Thomas Lynam to lay out a private road in Christiana Hundred, New Castle County."

"An act relating to arrests in civil cases in the State of Delaware."

"An act to lay out a public road in Appoquinimink Hundred in New Castle County."

And he withdrew.

Mr. Robinson moved,

The adoption of the Resolutions.

Whereupon,

On request of Mr. Appleton,

It was ordered that the Resolutions be taken up and acted on *seriatim*.

The question being on the adoption of the first Resolution,

Mr. Betts offered the following amendment to the first Resolution by inserting in lieu thereof the following :

Resolved, That this General Assembly approve of the votes cast by Messrs. Martin W. Bates and William Saulsbury, in the House of Representatives of this State, on the 2d day of February, 1826, in favor of a Resolution wherein it is declared :

“That in the opinion of this House, Slavery in any community is a moral and political evil,—that in this State it has long been felt as such *and ought to be abolished* as soon as such interference can be made effectual, consistently with the safety of society and the happiness and comfort of free negroes and free mulattoes.”

And moved its adoption.

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Betts, Chandler, Churchman, Higgins, Jonathan Moore, Mr. Speaker—6.

Nays—Messrs. Appleton, Boyce, Broadway, Calhoon, Clements, Cochran, Collins, Davis, J. A. Moore, Phillips, Rickards, Robinson, Virden, Waples, C. Williamson—15.

So the amendment was

Lost.

Mr. Appleton moved,

To amend the Resolution by striking out all after the word "Congress," in the eighth line thereof, being these words: "Would encourage the abolition element therein and fortify it in its purpose to destroy entirely all property in slaves, and furthermore would be injurious to the quiet and harmony that prevail in this State."

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Appleton, Betts, Chandler, Churchman, Higgins, Jonathan Moore, Phillips, Rickards, Waples, Mr. Speaker—10.

Nays—Messrs. Boyce, Broadway, Calhoon, Clements, Cochran, Collins, Davis, J. A. Moore, Robinson, Virden, C. Williamson—11.

So the amendment was

Lost.

Mr. Churchman moved,

That the House do now adjourn till this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Which,

On being put,

Was

Lost.

Mr. Churchman moved,

To amend the first resolution by inserting in lieu thereof the following :

Resolved, That as James A. Bayard, one of our Senators in the Congress of the United States has, in a published letter to his constituents, declared that in case the people of the State of Delaware were in favor of suppressing the existing rebellion by force, that he would resign his seat as a Senator. And as the people of the State are in favor of such suppression by force, as evidenced by the presence in the field of two regiments of volunteers from this State, and further by the passage of the resolution expressing the thanks of this

General Assembly to Captain du Pont for his gallant behavior in the attack on the rebels at Port Royal; therefore,

Resolved, That James A. Bayard be, and he is hereby requested to resign in compliance with his promise to that effect.

The yeas and nays were ordered,

*Which on being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Appleton, Betts, Chandler, Churchman, Higgins, Jonathan Moore, Mr. Speaker—7.

Nays—Messrs. Boyce, Broadaway, Calhoon, Clements, Cochran, Collins, Davis, J. A. Moore, Phillips, Rickards, Robinson, Virden, Waples, C. Williamson—14.

So the amendment was

Lost.

Mr. Churchman now moved

That the House do now adjourn.

Which,

On being put,

Was

Lost.

The question recurring on the adoption of the first resolution,

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Boyce, Broadaway, Calhoon, Clements, Cochran, Collins, Davis, J. A. Moore, Robinson, Virden, C. Williamson—11.

Nays—Messrs. Appleton, Betts, Chandler, Churchman, Higgins, Jonathan Moore, Phillips, Rickards, Waples, Mr. Speaker—10.

So the motion

Prevailed.

And the first Resolution was

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Churchman,

The House adjourned.

SAME DAY, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Betts from the Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred the Senate bill entitled "An additional supplement to an act entitled 'A further supplement to an act entitled An act to enable the owners and possessors of the several tracts of meadow, marsh and cripple on the Augustine Creek and Silver Run in New Castle County, to make and keep the banks, dams and sluices in repair, and to raise a fund to defray the yearly expense accruing thereon,'"

Reported the bill back with an amendment by adding to the same as section 4, the following :

SEC. 4. And be it enacted, That John McWhorter, John Reybold and George Z. Tybout, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to act in conjunction with William Reybold and Samuel Carpenter, commissioners heretofore appointed or elected, and if they have not been, they they are to be appointed by this act ; whose duty it shall be to make a new assessment or valuation of the marsh, mentioned and described in the act to which this is an additional supplement, or included in any of the supplements thereto, the said assessment or valuation shall be made in conformity with the provisions of law in that behalf already provided, and shall be made and delivered by the said commissioners to the managers of said marsh on or before the fourth Tuesday of April next, and the managers aforesaid shall within five days after receiving the said assessment, do as aforesaid provided for, assess and levy the tax upon the owners and possessors of said marsh. The annual election provided for by the laws and regulations of said marsh company to take place in March next, is hereby postponed until the first Tuesday of May next, at which time it shall and may be lawful for the owners and possessors of said marsh, to hold an election in lieu of the election, which but for this act would be held in March next ; and at such election the owners and possessors of said marsh shall be entitled to vote agreeably to the levy authorized to be made by the managers after the assessment aforesaid. In the event of a vacancy in the Board of Commissioners herein appointed, by death, resignation or otherwise, then it shall and may be lawful for the remaining or surviving commissioners to appoint, by writing under their hands, a person or persons to fill such vacancy or vacancies. The act of a majority of all of said commissioners shall be as binding and efficacious as though all were present and assenting.

Which,

On his motion,

Was

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Appleton,

The bill was further amended by adding the following as section 5th :

SEC. 5. And be it further enacted, That at any election for managers or other officers, all questions in which the Company are interested in any manner whatsoever, shall be decided in a majority of all the votes of the said Marsh Company.

On motion of Mr. Churchman,

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

Passed the House.

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

Mr. Broadway presented the account of Joshua McGonnigal against the State for furnishing ice.

Which was read, and referred to the Committee on Accounts.

On motion of Mr. Robinson,

The "Joint Resolutions in relation to the proposed Emancipation bill,"

Were taken up for consideration.

On the further motion of Mr. Robinson,

The second resolution was read.

Mr. Robinson moved,

That the said resolution be adopted.

Whereupon,

Mr. Appleton moved,

To amend by striking out in the third line, all after the word "slaves," *i. e.*, the words "And that such a proposal coming from the source to which it is traceable, evinces a design on the part of

some of those having the control of our national affairs to abolish slavery in the States."

Whereupon,

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Appleton, Betts, Chandler, Churchman, Higgins, Jonathan Moore, Phillips, Waples, Mr. Speaker—9.

Nays—Messrs. Boyce, Broadaway, Calhoon, Clements, Cochran, Collins, Davis, J. A. Moore, Rickards, Robinson, Virden, C. Williamson—12.

So the amendment was

Lost.

Mr. Waples moved,

That the Resolution be amended by striking out the words "Congress has no right," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "it is not expedient for Congress."

Which,

On being put,

Was

Lost.

The question being on the adoption of the second Resolution,

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Boyce, Broadaway, Calhoon, Clements, Cochran, Collins, Davis, J. A. Moore, Robinson, Virden, C. Williamson—11.

Nays—Messrs. Appleton, Betts, Chandler, Churchman, Higgins, Jonathan Moore, Phillips, Rickards, Waples, Mr. Speaker—10.

So the second Resolution was

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Robinson,

The third Resolution was read. . .

Mr. Robinson moved its adoption.

Mr. Waples moved,

That the third Resolution be amended by inserting in said Resolution between the words "violated" and "that," in the 19th line of said third Resolution and inserting the words, "except the bill revoking the Lottery Grant to R. France."

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Chandler, Rickards, Robinson, Waples—4.

Nays—Messrs. Appleton, Betts, Boyce, Broadway, Calhoon, Churchman, Clements, Cochran, Collins, Davis, Higgins, J. A. Moore, Jonathan Moore, Phillips, Virden, C. Williamson, Mr. Speaker—17.

So the amendment was

Lost.

The question recurring on the motion to adopt,

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Collins, Robinson, C. Williamson—3.

Nays—Messrs. Appleton, Betts, Boyce, Broadway, Calhoon, Chandler, Churchman, Clements, Cochran, Davis, Higgins, J. A. Moore, Jonathan Moore, Phillips, Rickards, Virden, Waples, Mr. Speaker—18.

So the third Resolution was

Lost.

Mr. Pratt, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had non-concurred in the House bill entitled "An act to authorize the Prothonotary of Kent County to bring up the entry of the Sheriff's returns to final executions."

Also, that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in a bill entitled "An act to incorporate The Seaford Odd Fellows Hall Company at Seaford."

Also, requested the concurrence in a "Joint Resolution to adjourn over till the second Tuesday in May, and to provide for a committee to meet in the interim."

And he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. J. A. Moore,

The fourth Resolution was read.

Mr. Robinson moved its adoption.

Mr. Appleton moved,

To substitute the following Resolution, in lieu of the present :

Resolved further, by the authority aforesaid, That this General Assembly recognizing the legal existence of slavery in this State, is opposed to any act for freeing or emancipating the slaves of this State, unless based upon the principle of compensation to the owners.

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Appleton, Betts, Chandler, Churchman, Higgins, Jonathan Moore, Waples, Mr. Speaker—9.

Nays—Messrs. Boyce, Broadway, Calhoon, Clements, Cochran, Collins, Davis, J. A. Moore, Rickards, Robinson, Virden, C. Williamson—12.

So the substitute was

Lost.

The question being on the adoption of the Resolution,

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which on being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Boyce, Broadaway, Calhoon, Clements, Cochran, Collins, Davis, J. A. Moore, Robinson, Virden, Waples, C. Williamson—12.

Nays—Messrs. Appleton, Betts, Chandler, Churchman, Higgins, Jonathan Moore, Phillips, Rickards, Mr. Speaker—9.

So the fourth Resolution was

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Robinson,

The fifth Resolution was read.

Mr. Robinson moved its adoption.

Mr. Betts offered the following as a substitute and moved its adoption :

Resolved, That this General Assembly desires to support the Government in the prosecution of the war against rebellion in which it is now engaged, and hereby pledges the State of Delaware to assist it by every means in its power.

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Appleton, Betts, Chandler, Churchman, Higgins, Jonathan Moore, Phillips, Rickards, Waples, Mr. Speaker—10.

Nays—Messrs. Boyce, Broadaway, Calhoon, Clements, Cochran, Collins, Davis, J. A. Moore, Robinson, Virden, C. Williamson—11.

So the amendment was

Lost.

The question being on the adoption of the fifth Resolution,

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Boyce, Broadway, Calhoon, Clements, Cochran, Collins, Davis, J. A. Moore, Robinson, Virden, C. Williamson—11.

Nays—Messrs. Appleton, Betts, Chandler, Churchman, Higgins, Jonathan Moore, Phillips, Rickards, Waples, Mr. Speaker—10.

So the fifth Resolution was

Adopted.

Mr. Betts moved,

That the following be added as the sixth Resolution :

Resolved, That Willard Saulsbury, Senator of this State, in the Congress of the United States, is expected by this General Assembly, both by his vote and influence to co-operate heartily with and sustain the government of the United States in its efforts to suppress the rebellion against the government, that failing to do so he will not represent the sentiment of his constituents, and that if he cannot actively and efficiently support the government against the rebels he should resign.

On which, the yeas and nays were ordered,

Which being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Appleton, Betts, Chandler, Churchman, Higgins, Jonathan Moore, Waples, Mr. Speaker—8.

Nays—Messrs. Boyce, Broadway, Calhoon, Clements, Cochran, Collins, Davis, J. A. Moore, Phillips, Rickards, Robinson, Virden, C. Williamson—13.

So the motion was

Lost.

Mr. Robinson moved,

The preamble of the bill be adopted.

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Boyce, Broadaway, Calhoon, Clements, Cochran, Collins, Davis, J. A. Moore, Robinson, Virden, C. Williamson—11.

Nays—Messrs. Appleton, Betts, Chandler, Churchman, Higgins, Jonathan Moore, Phillips, Rickards, Waples, Mr. Speaker—10.

So the preamble was

Adopted.

Mr. Betts moved

To adjourn till 7½ o'clock this evening.

Mr. Appleton moved,

To amend by inserting 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Which was

Lost.

The question recurring on the motion to adjourn till 7½ o'clock this evening,

On being put,

Prevailed.

And the House adjourned.

SAME DAY, 7½ o'clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Betts presented the memorial of many citizens of Milford Hundred, praying an investigation of the Potter estate.

Which,

On his motion,

Was read, and referred to a committee of three, with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Whereupon,

Messrs. Betts, Clements and Rickards, were appointed said committee.

Mr. Betts also presented the petition of Henderson Collins, Sr., praying the passage of an Act confirming the sale of certain Real Estate of Benjamin Potter, deceased,

Which,

On his motion,

Was read, and referred to the aforesaid committee.

Mr. Broadaway from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Joseph C. Rash and others, praying the repeal of a certain act preventing swine from running at large,

Reported that it was deemed inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners.

Mr. John A. Moore presented the account of James Kirk against the State.

Which was read, and referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Mr. Higgins presented the claim of Wm. N. Hamilton, against the State.

Which was read, and referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Chandler presented the petition of William C. Spruance and others, praying a revision of the general Assessment laws.

Which was read, and,

On his motion,

Referred to the committee already raised.

Mr. J. A. Moore presented the claim of James R. Lofland, Esq., late Secretary of State.

Which was read, and,

On his motion,

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion of Mr. Boyce,

The Senate bill entitled "An act to repeal the act entitled

'An act to incorporate a Bank at Seaford in the County of Sussex, under the name of the Seaford Bank at Seaford,'

Was read a second time by its title.

Mr. Churchman moved,

To reconsider the vote by which the first section of the bill entitled "An act calling a Convention to abolish life-tenures in office, and property qualifications for office, and to cause more of the public officers to be elected by the people; and also to effect such other amendments to the Constitution of the State, as may be necessary and proper," was lost.

Which motion,

On being put,

Was

Lost.

Mr. Churchman from the Committee on Enrollment, reported the following Resolutions duly and correctly enrolled, viz :

"Resolution of thanks to Captain Samuel F. du Pont."

"Joint Resolutions requesting an appropriation from the General Government for defending the Coast."

On motion of Mr. Churchman,

The 12th Rule of the House was suspended in order to read a bill a third time.

Whereupon,

On motion of Mr. Boyce,

The Senate bill entitled "An act to repeal the act entitled 'An act to incorporate a Bank at Seaford, in the County of Sussex, under the name of The Seaford Bank at Seaford,'"

Was read a third time by paragraphs, and

Passed the House.

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

Mr. Appleton moved,

To take up for consideration the majority and minority Reports of the committee on direct tax.

Which motion

Prevailed.

Mr. Appleton presented a further report of the committee, raised on so much of the Governor's message as relates to the assumption of this State's quota of the direct tax, and moved to substitute the same for the reports heretofore presented, as follows :

The committee to whom was referred so much of the Governor's message as relates to the subject of this State's assuming its share of the direct tax laid by the general government, respectfully report :

That they have had several meetings and consultations upon the very important subject committed to them, but they have been unable to come to any definite conclusion upon it, owing to the fact that Congress is now engaged in maturing a law different from that passed at the extra session of 1861. Under these circumstances, and believing that the public interest will be promoted by it, your committee recommend that the General Assembly adjourn on Friday the 7th day of February to meet again on the second Tuesday of May next. And that the two Houses do now appoint a joint committee to sit in the recess and consider the general subject of the Nation's direct tax, and report to the adjourned session a plan for the assessment and collection of this State of its share thereof, in case it shall assume its payment and to effect that object, they report the following Joint Resolution :

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Delaware, in General Assembly met, That this General Assembly will adjourn on Friday the 7th day of February, instant, to meet again on the second Tuesday of May next.

Resolved, That a joint committee of two members on the part of

the Senate and three on the part of the House be authorized to sit during the recess to carry out the object aforesaid, to be summoned upon the call of the Chairman, and that
 on the part of the Senate, and
 on the part of the House compose said committee.

Resolved further, That the General Assembly will not at said adjourned session entertain or consider any business except the assessment and collection of taxes.

Pending which motion,

The several reports were,

On motion of Mr. Betts,

Indefinitely Postponed.

On motion of Mr. Appleton,

The Senate Joint Resolution assuming the quota of the direct tax imposed on the State of Delaware by the Act of Congress approved August 5, 1861,"

Was taken up for consideration.

The question being on a motion to concur,

The House being divided,

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Appleton, Betts, Chandler, Churchman, Higgins, Jonathan Moore, Phillips, Rickards, Waples, Mr. Speaker—10.

Nays—Messrs. Boyce, Broadway, Calhoon, Clements, Cochran, Davis, J. A. Moore, Robinson, Virden, C. Williamson—10.

So the motion to concur was

Lost.

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

Mr. J. A. Moore moved,

To reconsider the vote by which the several reports of the committee on the direct tax, were indefinitely postponed.

Which motion

Prevailed.

Whereupon,

The motion recurring on the acceptance of the last report of the Committee, as a substitute.

Mr. Churchman moved,

To amend the same by striking out the word "two" in the 9th line and inserting the word "one;" also, strike out the word "three," in tenth line, and insert in lieu thereof the word "two."

Which,

On being put,

Was

Lost.

The question recurring on the motion to substitute said report,

Was

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Robinson,

The minority report was taken up.

Whereupon,

Mr. Robinson moved its adoption.

The yeas and nays were called,

Which being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Boyce, Broadway, Calhoon, Clements, Cochran, Collins, Davis, Robinson, Virden, C. Williamson—10.

Nays—Messrs. Appleton, Betts, Chandler, Churchman, Higgins, J. A. Moore, Jonathan Moore, Phillips, Rickards, Waples, Mr. Speaker—11.

So the motion to adopt was

Lost.

Mr. Appleton moved,

That the "Joint Resolution assuming the quota of the direct tax imposed upon the State of Delaware, by the act of Congress herein-after mentioned,"

Be adopted.

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Appleton, Betts, Chandler, Churchman, Higgins, Jonathan Moore, Phillips, Rickards, Waples, Mr. Speaker—10.

Nays—Messrs. Boyce, Broadway, Calhoon, Clements, Cochran, Collins, Davis, J. A. Moore, Robinson, Virden, C. Williamson.—11.

So the motion was

Lost.

Mr. Betts offered the following Joint Resolution as to adjournment, to meet the first Tuesday in May :

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Delaware, in General Assembly met, That the two Houses will adjourn on Friday the 7th day of February next, to meet on the first Tuesday in May next, with a view to assume and provide for by assessment and collection of whatever this State's share of the direct tax required by the government may be.

Be it further Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed (say three from the House and two from the Senate) to meet on the last Tuesday in April in Dover, for the purpose of devising some plan for the said assessment and collection to be presented to the General Assembly.

Be it further enacted, That Messrs. ——— be appointed said committee on the part of the House.

And moved its adoption.

Whereupon,

On motion of Mr. J. A. Moore,

The further consideration of the same was postponed till to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Appleton,

The bill entitled "An act securing the enjoyment of the right of suffrage to the volunteers from this State,"

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

The question being,

"Shall this be section 1 of the bill?"

On motion of Mr. J. A. Moore,

The further consideration of the bill was postponed till to-morrow morning.

Mr. Betts moved,

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

Which motion

Prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Robinson,

The bill entitled "An act to amend chapter 125, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware,"

Was read a third time by paragraphs, and

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Higgins,

The House adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.



FRIDAY, *February* 7, 1862, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. J. A. Moore presented the account of John D. Barton for stationery.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Mr. J. A. Moore offered the following Resolution :

Resolved, by the House of Representatives of the State of Delaware, That this House will not at this session receive or act on any new business after the passage of this Resolution, except that which may come from the Senate or which relates to the adjournment of the General Assembly and collection of the direct tax imposed by the General Government.

And moved its adoption.

Mr. Waples moved,

That the further consideration be postponed till this afternoon.

Which motion was

Lost.

The question recurring on adoption,

On being put,

Prevailed.

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

"A supplement to the act entitled 'An act for the measurement and inspection of lime.'"

"An act to amend the act entitled 'An act to establish Inferior Courts in the several Counties of this State.'"

"An act to prevent obstructions to the navigation of Murderkill Creek and Spring Creek, and its branches in Kent County."

"An act amending the act incorporating the town of Middletown, passed at Dover February 12, 1861."

That the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in a bill entitled :

"An act to amend chapter 111, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware," title, Of Execution, (p. 393.)

Also, that the Senate had concurred in the amendments of the House to the Senate bill, entitled :

'A further supplement to an act entitled An act to enable the owners and possessors of the several tracts of meadow, marsh and cripple on the Augustine Creek and Silver Run in New Castle County, to make and keep the banks, dams and sluices in repair, and to raise a fund to defray the yearly expense accruing thereon."

And he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Appleton,

The bill entitled "An act securing the enjoyment of the right of suffrage to the volunteers from this State,"

Was taken up for consideration.

The question being,

"Shall this be section 1 of the bill?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Appleton, Betts, Chandler, Churchman, Higgins, Jonathan Moore, Phillips, Rickards, Waples, Mr. Speaker—10.

Nays—Messrs. Boyce, Broadaway, Calhoon, Clements, Cochran, Collins, Davis, J. A. Moore, Robinson, Virden, C. Williamson—11.

So the first section was

Lost.

And the bill was

Lost.

Mr. Betts presented the account of N. B. Smithers and Joseph P. Comegys, for opinions, at request of House Committee, on Lotteries.

Also, the account of E. S. R. Butler, for papers for use of the House.

Which were read, and referred to the Committee on Accounts.

On motion of Mr. Betts,

The "Joint Resolution as to adjournment to meet the first Tuesday in May," which was postponed till to-day,

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Betts asked, and,

On motion of Mr. Churchman,

Obtained leave to withdraw the same.

Whereupon,

Mr. Betts withdrew said Resolution.

Mr. Betts now offered a Joint Resolution which was read as follows :

Joint Resolution : Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Delaware, in General Assembly met :

1st. That Delaware is ready to fulfil and will fulfil all her Constitutional obligations to the General Government as a loyal State of the Union, and desires that the integrity of the Union may be preserved.

2d That inasmuch as Congress has a bill under consideration which may alter or amend the Act passed August 5th, 1861, providing for the direct tax of twenty million of dollars, the General Assembly deem it inexpedient to legislate upon the subject of assuming this State's share at this time.

3d. That the two Houses of the Legislature will adjourn this day, to meet again on the first Tuesday of May next, at three o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of arranging for the assessment and collection of this or any other tax that may be assumed by this State, and which will be payable before the next regular session of the General Assembly.

4th. That a committee of five be appointed (say three from the House and two from the Senate) to meet in Dover on the last Tuesday in April next, for the purpose of devising some plan for the said assessment and collection to be presented for the consideration of the General Assembly.

5th. That Messrs. ——— be appointed said committee on the part of the House, and Messrs. ——— on the part of the Senate.

And moved their adoption.

Mr. Rickards moved,

To amend the said Resolutions by striking out all after the second Resolution.

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Boyce, Broadaway, Calhoon, Clements, Cochran, Collins, Davis, J. A. Moore, Jonathan Moore, Rickards, Robinson, Virden, C. Williamson—13.

Nays—Messrs. Appleton, Betts, Chandler, Churchman, Higgins, Phillips, Waples, Mr. Speaker.—8.

So the motion

Prevailed.

And the Resolutions were so amended.

The question recurring on the motion to adopt the Resolutions as amended,

Mr. Appleton requested them to be taken up seriatim, which was done.

The question then being on the first Resolution,

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Appleton, Betts, Boyce, Broadaway, Calhoon, Chandler, Churchman, Clements, Cochran, Collins, Davis, Higgins, J. A. Moore, Jonathan Moore, Phillips, Rickards, Robinson, Virden, Waples, C. Williamson, Mr. Speaker.—21.

Nays—None.

So the first Resolution was *Adopted*.

Mr. J. A. Moore moved to adopt the second Resolution.

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Betts, Boyce, Broadaway, Calhoon, Chandler, Clements, Cochran, Collins, Davis, J. A. Moore, Jonathan Moore, Phillips, Rickards, Robinson, Virden, Waples, C. Williamson—17.

Nays—Messrs. Appleton, Churchman, Higgins, Mr. Speaker—4.

So the Resolution was *Adopted*.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. J. A. Moore,

The Clerk was directed to request the Senate to return the House Joint Resolution as to adjournment.

Mr. J. A. Moore offered the following Joint Resolution as to adjournment :

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Delaware, in General Assembly met, That both Houses of this General Assembly will adjourn to day *sine die*.

And moved its adoption.

Which motion *Prevailed*.

And the Joint Resolution was *Adopted*.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Pratt, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, returned, at the request of the House, the House Joint Resolution as to adjournment of the General Assembly.

On motion of Mr. Churchman,

The Senate bill entitled "An act to amend chapter 111, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware," title, "Of Execution," (p. 393,)

Was taken up and read.

On the further motion of Mr. Churchman,

Rule 12th of the House was suspended in order to read a bill a second time.

Whereupon,

On motion of Mr. Churchman,

The Senate bill entitled "An act to amend chapter 111, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware," title, "Of Execution," (p. 393.)

Was read a second time by its title.

Mr. Pratt, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed and requested concurrence of the House in a bill entitled "An act to amend chapter 66, of the Laws passed at Dover February 28, 1861."

And he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Robinson,

The Senate bill entitled "An act to amend chapter 66, of the Laws passed at Dover February 28, 1861,"

Was taken up and read.

On motion of Mr. Clements,

Rule 12th of the House was suspended in order to read the bill a second time.

Whereupon,

On motion of Mr. Robinson,

The Senate bill entitled "An act to amend chapter 66 of the Laws, passed at Dover February 28, 1861,"

Was read a second time by its title.

On motion of Mr. Churchman,

Rule 12th was suspended in order to read a bill a third time by paragraphs.

Whereupon,

On the further motion of Mr. Churchman,

The Senate bill entitled "An act to amend chapter 111 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware," title, "Of Execution," (p. 393.)

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

The question being,

"Shall this be section 1 of the bill?"

Which,

On being put,

Was

Lost.

And the bill was

Lost.

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

Mr. Pratt, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had concurred in sundry bills. Entitled :

"An act proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Delaware."

"An act for the protection of sheep in certain parts of New Castle and Kent Counties."

Also, that they had non-concurred in the bill entitled, "An act to annul the marriage contract between David and Eliza A. S. Scott."

And he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Betts,

The Senate bill entitled "An act to incorporate the Seaford Odd Fellows Hall Company at Seaford,"

Was taken up and read.

On motion of Mr. Betts,

Rule 12th of the House was suspended to read a bill a second time by its title.

On the further motion of Mr. Betts,

The Senate bill entitled "An act to incorporate the Seaford Odd Fellows Hall Company at Seaford,"

Was read a second time by its title.

On motion of Mr. Robinson,

Rule 12th of the House was suspended in order to read a bill a second time.

On motion of Mr. Robinson,

The Senate bill entitled "An act to amend chapter 66 of the Laws, passed at Dover February 28, 1861,"

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

The question being,

"Shall this be section 1 of the bill?"

On motion of Mr. Broadaway,

The further consideration of the same was postponed till this afternoon.

On motion of Mr. Robinson,

The House adjourned.

SAME DAY, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. J. A. Moore from the Committee on Claims, reported a bill entitled "An act for the payment of Claims against the State."

Which,

On his motion,

Was read.

On motion of Mr. J. A. Moore,

Rule 12th of the House was suspended to read the bill a second time.

Whereupon,

On motion of Mr. J. A. Moore,

The bill entitled "An act for the payment of Claims against the State,"

Was read a second time by its title.

On motion of Mr. J. A. Moore,

The bill entitled "An act for the payment of Claims against the State,"

Was taken up for consideration.

On motion of Mr. Churchman,

The bill was amended by striking out in the allowance of Thomas M. Ogle, the words, "seventy-five," and insert in lieu, "fifty."

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

"An act to amend chapter 55 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware."

"An act for the relief of the officers of volunteer companies and persons from whom arms have been taken."

"An act further to amend the act entitled 'An act allowing an additional Constable in St. Georges Hundred, New Castle County,' passed at Dover January 21, 1851."

"An act supplementary to the act entitled 'An act regulating the sale of intoxicating liquors,' passed at Dover March 3d, 1857."

"An act to change the name of the place called Chapeltown, in Dover Hundred, Kent County, Delaware."

Also, returned sundry enrolled House Resolutions, the same having received the signature of the Speaker of the Senate:

"Resolution of thanks to Captain Samuel F. du Pont."

"Joint Resolutions requesting an appropriation from the General Government for defending the Coast."

Also, presented for signature of the Speaker of the House sundry Senate enrolled bills, entitled:

"An act to enable John W. Smith to locate certain vacant salt marsh therein named and complete his title to the same."

"Joint Resolution authorizing the State Treasurer to pay a certain sum of money to the Secretary of State."

And he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. J. A. Moore,

Rule 12th of the House was suspended in order to read a bill a third time.

On further motion of Mr. J. A. Moore,

The bill entitled "An act for the payment of Claims against the State,"

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

Mr. Churchman moved,

To amend by striking out "forty dollars," in the [claim of W. N. Hamilton, and inserting "twenty-five dollars," in lieu thereof.

Which motion

Prevailed.

And the bill so amended,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Pratt, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had adopted and requested the concurrence of the House in a "Joint Resolution declaring the adherence of the State of Delaware to the government of the United States."

And he withdrew.

Mr. Phillips from the Committee on Enrollments, reported the

following bills as duly and correctly enrolled, and presented the same to the Speaker for his signature :

"An act proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Delaware."

"A supplement to the act entitled 'An act for the measurement and inspection of lime.'"

"An act to amend the act entitled 'An act to establish Inferior Courts in the several Counties of this State.'"

"An act amending the act incorporating the town of Middletown, passed at Dover February 12, 1861."

"An act to prevent obstructions of the navigation of Murderkill Creek and Spring Creek, and its branches in Kent County."

"An act in relation to Chancery Jurisdiction in reference to relief from forfeiture."

On motion of Mr. Appleton,

The Senate "Joint Resolution declaring the adherence of the State of Delaware to the Government of the United States,"

Was read as follows :

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

1. That the people of the State of Delaware recognize the Constitution of the United States as the Magna Charta of their liberties, and the Union as the safeguard of their political existence, and regarding the Constitution as a form of government emanating from, and established by, the authority of the people of the United States, with their fathers, they hold the duty which they owe to the State to be subordinate to their allegiance to the Government of the United States.

2. That the lamentable civil strife that now afflicts the country, has been forced on the nation by the unjustifiable acts of those who have long conspired its destruction, and who, by open rebellion, are now striving to overthrow the Government by which we have been

protected in the past, and to which alone we can look for safety in the future.

3. That now, as heretofore, the State of Delaware, will sustain the Government of the United States, and she believes that the only mode of bringing present peace and future security to the country, is, by the speedy and effectual suppression of the rebellion, thus manifesting the power of the Government in the preservation of the Union, the maintenance of the Constitution and the firm, but impartial, enforcement of the Laws.

4. That in the execution of this highest trust devolved upon the Government, the people of the State of Delaware are not disposed captiously to criticise its measures or restrict its authority. They have faith in its expressed determination to suppress this unholy rebellion, and recognizing the embarrassments by which it is surrounded, they only ask, that, confining itself to this legitimate object, it shall, at whatever cost, preserve the integrity of the Union and the supremacy of the flag of the United States.

5. That copies of these resolutions be transmitted to the Governors of the several States and also to our Senators and Representative in the Congress of the United States, with the request that they be laid before their respective Houses.

Mr. Pratt, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had concurred in the House "Joint Resolution as to adjournment of the General Assembly."

And he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Betts,

Rule 12th was suspended in order to read a bill a third time by paragraphs.

Whereupon,

On the further motion of Mr. Betts,

The Senate bill entitled "An act to incorporate the Seaford Odd Fellows Hall Company at Seaford,"

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

The question being,

“ Shall this bill pass the House ?”

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Appleton, Betts, Boyce, Broadway, Calhoon, Chandler, Churchman, Clements, Cochran, Collins, Davis, Higgins, J. A. Moore, Jonathan Moore, Phillips, Rickards, Robinson, Virden, Waples, C. Williamson, Mr. Speaker—21.

Nays—None.

So the bill having received the constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Mr. Appleton from the Committee on Accounts, reported the following Accounts :

	DAYS.	MILES.	DOLLS.	CTS.
To John F. Williamson, Speaker,	30	45	133	50
George W. Churchman,	30	57	107	10
Edward Betts,	30	50	105	00
Abram Chandler,	30	47	104	10
Anthony M. Higgins,	30	32	99	60
Henry H. Appleton,	30	30	99	00
Robert A. Cochran,	30	24	97	20
John A. Moore,	28	12	87	60
Thomas Davis,	28	15	88	50
Thomas Clements, Jr.,	28	14	88	20
Ambrose Broadway,	28	9	86	70
William Virden,	28	12	87	60
Charles Williamson,	30	30	99	00
Henderson Collins,	30	20	96	00
William Rickards	30	20	96	00
Peter Calhoon,	30	24	97	20
James H. Boyce,	30	49	104	70
Jonathan Moore,	30	49	104	70
Lemuel W. Waples,	30	50	105	00
William S. Phillips,	30	57	107	10
Peter Robinson,	30	59	107	70

Amount carried forward,

\$2,101 50

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	2,101 50
To Richard G. Cooper, Clerk, for his daily attendance, transcribing, engrossing and other services,	400 00
William Freeston, Sergeant-at-arms and door-keeper, for his daily attendance,	100 00
Rev. John D. Curtis, Chaplain of the House of Representatives,	30 00
Richard G. Cooper—sum paid by him for newspapers for members,	16 00
John H. Bateman, postage stamps, and postage on papers for use of House and Senate,	160 74
James Kirk, for printing sundry bills, &c., for the use of the House,	41 50
N. B. Smithers and J. P. Comegys, for written opinion given at the instance of the committee on the Lottery subject,	200 00
Joseph H. Tull, Messenger of House,	20 00
Joshua McGonigal, for furnishing ice to Senate and House,	10 00
George Massey, for services as extra Clerk,	10 00
Zadock L. Butler, fireman for House,	25 00
James M. Kerbin, for use of water cooler,	1 00
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	\$3,115 74

H. H. APPLETON,
CHARLES WILLIAMSON,
WM. S. PHILLIPS,
Committee.

On motion of Mr. Broadaway,

The Senate bill entitled "An act to amend chapter 66 of the Laws, passed at Dover, February 28, 1861,"

Was taken up for consideration.

The question being,

"Shall this be section 1 of the bill?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Betts, Boyce, Broadaway, Calhoon, Clements,

Cochran, Collins, Davis, Higgins, J. A. Moore, Jonathan Moore, Rickards, Virden, C. Williamson—14.

Nays—Messrs. Appleton, Chandler, Churchman, Phillips, Robinson, Waples, Mr. Speaker—7.

So section 1 of the bill was

Adopted.

Mr. Pratt, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had concurred in the first "Joint Resolution on the subject of the Government tax;" and non-concurred in the second Resolution thereof.

And he withdrew.

The question being,

"Shall this bill pass the House?"

And the vote being taken thereon,

The bill

Passed the House.

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

Mr. Betts offered a "Joint Resolution relating to expenditures."

And moved its adoption.

Which motion

Prevailed.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Waples moved

To take up the Senate "Joint Resolution declaring the adherence of the State of Delaware to the Government of the United States."

Which motion

Prevailed.

Mr. Higgins moved,

To concur in the said Resolutions.

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Appleton, Betts, Chandler, Churchman, Higgins, Jonathan Moore, Phillips, Rickards, Waples, Mr. Speaker—10.

Nays—Messrs. Boyce, Broadway, Calhoon, Clements, Cochran, Collins, Davis, J. A. Moore, Robinson, Virden, C. Williamson—11.

So the motion to concur was

Lost.

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

Mr. Pratt, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had concurred in the House "Joint Resolution relating to expenditures."

Also, that the Senate had concurred in the House bill entitled "An act for the payment of Claims against the State," with an amendment thereto, and requested the concurrence of the House in the same.

Also, in an act entitled "An act to amend chapter 125, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware," with an amendment thereto, and requested the concurrence of the House in such amendment.

Also, that the Senate had non-concurred in the House "Joint Resolutions in relation to the proposed Emancipation bill."

He also presented sundry enrolled Senate bills for the signature of the Speaker of the House, the same having received the signature of the Speaker of the Senate.

And he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Betts,

The bill entitled "An act for the payment of Claims against the State," which was returned from the Senate with an amendment thereto,

Was taken up and the amendment read :

"Senate, February 7, 1862.

Amend by striking out the words "fifty" in the claim of Thomas M. Ogle, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "seventy-five."

Extract from Journal.

J. L. PRATT,

Clerk of Senate.

Which,

On motion of Mr. Churchman,

Was

Concurred in.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

On motion of Mr. Betts,

The bill entitled "An act to amend chapter 125 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware," which was returned from the Senate with an amendment,

Was taken up, and amendment read as follows :

Amend the bill by adding as follows :

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid, That the provisions of section 1, of this act, shall be deemed and taken to apply only to days of actual session of the Levy Court when in attendance at the usual places of meeting in the respective Counties, and for all other services the members of said Court shall receive the same compensation as before the passage of this act.

Which,

On motion of Mr. J. A. Moore,

Was

Concurred in.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

On motion of Mr. Churchman,

The House adjourned till 8 o'clock this evening.



SAME DAY, 8 o'clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Phillips from the Committee on Enrollment, reported the following bills as duly and correctly enrolled, and presented the same to the Speaker for his signature. Entitled:

"An act for the relief of officers of volunteer companies and persons from whom arms have been taken."

"An act further to amend the act entitled 'An act allowing an additional Constable in St. Georges Hundred, New Castle County,' passed at Dover January 21, 1851."

"An act to amend chapter 55 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware."

"An act for the protection of sheep in certain parts of New Castle and Kent Counties."

"An act supplementary to the act entitled 'An act regulating the sale of intoxicating liquors,' passed at Dover March 3, 1857."

"An act to change the name of the place called Chapeltown, in Dover Hundred, Kent County, Delaware."

"An act to amend chapter 125 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware."

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

"Joint Resolution as to adjournment of General Assembly."

"Joint Resolution relating to expenditures."

Mr. J. A. Moore from the Committee on Claims,

Reported a bill entitled "An additional act to provide for payment of Claims against the State."

Which,

On his motion,

Was read.

On motion of Mr. J. A. Moore,

Rule 12th of the House was suspended in order to read a bill a second time.

Whereupon,

On motion of Mr. J. A. Moore,

The bill entitled "An additional act to provide for payment of Claims against State,"

Was read a second time by its title.

On motion of Mr. J. A. Moore,

Rule 12th of the House was suspended in order to read the bill a third time by paragraphs.

Whereupon,

On motion of Mr. J. A. Moore,

The bill entitled "An additional act to provide for payment of Claims against State,"

Was read a third time by paragraphs, and

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Pratt, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had indefinitely postponed sundry House bills, entitled as follows:

"An act in relation to certain vacant lands."

"An act to authorize the making a direct and reverse index to the mortgages recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds in Sussex County, prior to March 1, 1861."

"An act for the suppression of bribery and corruption."

Also, returned sundry enrolled House bills, the same having received the signature of the Speaker of the Senate:

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to establish Inferior Courts in the several Counties in this State.'"

"A supplement to the act entitled 'An act for the measurement and inspection of lime.'"

"An act amending the act incorporating the town of Middletown, passed at Dover February 12, 1861."

"An act proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Delaware."

"An act in relation to Chancery Jurisdiction in reference to relief from forfeiture."

Also, presented for signature of Speaker of House, the bill entitled :

"An act to incorporate the Seaford Odd Fellows Hall Company at Seaford."

Also, that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence in a "Joint Resolution for repairing of the State House."

Which,

On motion of Mr. Betts,

Was read.

Mr. Waples moved, that

The "Joint Resolution for the repairing of the State House,"

Be concurred in.

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Appleton, Broadaway, Clements, Cochran, Davis, Rickards, Robinson, Virden, Waples, C. Williamson—10.

Nays—Messrs. Betts, Boyce, Calhoon, Chandler, Churchman,

Higgins, J. A. Moore, Jonathan Moore, Phillips, Mr. Speaker
—10.

So the Resolution was

Lost.

Mr. Pratt, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, returned sundry enrolled House bills, with signature of Speaker of Senate thereto :

"An act to amend chapter 55 of the Revised Statutes."

"An act for the relief of the officers of volunteer companies and persons from whom arms have been taken."

"An Act further to amend the act entitled 'An act allowing an additional Constable in St. Georges Hundred, New Castle County,' passed at Dover January 21, 1851."

"An act for the protection of sheep in certain parts of New Castle and Kent Counties."

"An act supplementary to the act entitled 'An act regulating the sale of intoxicating liquors,' passed at Dover March 3, 1857."

"An act to change the name of the place called 'Chapeltown,' in Dover Hundred, Kent County, Delaware."

"An act to amend chapter 125 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware."

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

"Joint Resolution as to adjournment of General Assembly."

"Joint Resolution relating to expenditures."

Also, that the Senate had concurred in the House bill, entitled "An additional act to provide for the payment of claims against the State."

Mr. Phillips from the Committee on Enrollment, report as duly and correctly enrolled, the bill entitled, "An additional act to provide for the payment of Claims against the State," and presented the same to the Speaker for his signature.

Mr. Tatem of the Senate, being admitted, returned the enrolled House bill entitled "An additional act to provide for the payment of Claims against the State," the same having received the signature of the Speaker of the Senate.

And he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Betts,

The Journal of to-day was read.

Mr. Pratt, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate would be ready to adjourn in ten minutes, *sine die*.

On motion of Mr. Churchman,

The report of the Committee on Accounts,

Was taken up for consideration.

On motion of Mr. Waples,

It was

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Betts,

The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate that the House would be ready to adjourn in ten minutes, *sine die*.

Mr. J. A. Moore presented the following Resolution :

Resolved, That the thanks of this House are due, and they are hereby tendered to Hon. John F. Williamson, the Speaker thereof, for the ability and impartiality, as well as the prompt and efficient manner in which he has discharged his duties as the presiding officer of this House.

Which,

On his motion,

Was

Unanimously Adopted.

Whereupon,

The Speaker arose and delivered the following Address :

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

Allow me to thank you most heartily for the complimentary Resolution you have just adopted. Having had no intimation whatever that such a Resolution would be offered, I shall not attempt any protracted remarks in reply ; but may be allowed to say, that as the presiding officer of this House, I have honestly endeavored to discharge the duties of the Chair, fearlessly and faithfully, and if I have in that effort, so far succeeded as to secure your approval of my official acts, I am amply rewarded for the efforts I have made ; and I hope to bear with me through life a conscious sense of having discharged the duties imposed upon me, to the best of my ability, and I trust that you, gentlemen, may ever be blessed by the same sense of conscious rectitude in the discharge of your official duties.

Allow me again, gentlemen, to thank you for the Resolution.

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Laws, An act to amend chapter 66 of the, passed at Dover, February 28, 1861, introduced on leave, 154; read, 155; read a second time by its title, 171; read a third time by paragraphs and lost, 196.

Levy Court of Kent County, An act authorizing the, to change certain assessments, Senate bill presented for concurrence, 185; taken up and read, 199; read a second time by its title, 202; read a third time by paragraphs in order to pass the House and postponed, 209; taken up for consideration, passed the House, and ordered to Senate for concurrence, 218.

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Mechanics and others, An act to amend an act securing to, payment for labor and materials, introduced on leave and read, 39; taken up for consideration and amended, 41; read a second time by its title, 42; read a third time by paragraphs, passed the House, ordered to the Senate for concurrence, 48; concurred in, 82; enrolled, 98; returned having received the signature of the Speaker of the Senate, 114.

Middletown, An act amending the act incorporating the town of, reported and read, 102; read a second time by its title, 110; read a third time by paragraphs in order to pass the House and postponed, 132; taken up and amended, 150; passed the House, (yeas and nays), and ordered to the Senate for concurrence, 151; returned concurred in, 268; enrolled and presented to the Speaker for his signature, 280; returned with the signature of the Speaker of the Senate thereto, 290.

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Orphans Court Clerk, An act authorizing the, to procure a new seal of office, Senate bill, presented for concurrence, 100; taken up and read, 104; read a second time by its title, 109; read a third time by paragraphs, passed the House, ordered that the Senate be informed thereof, 125; presented for the signature of the Speaker of the House, 198.

Phillips, Isaac G., An act to enable, to locate vacant land, Senate bill, presented for concurrence, 119; taken up and read, 129; read a second time by its title, 147; read a third time by paragraphs, passed the House, ordered to be returned to the Senate, 172; presented for the signature of the Speaker of the House, 198.

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Revised Statutes, An act to amend chapter 60, section 28, of the, introduced on leave, 110; read, 111; read a second time by its title, 125; read a third time by paragraphs, passed the House and ordered to Senate for concurrence, 131; returned concurred in, 184; enrolled and presented to Speaker for signature, 204; returned with signature of Speaker of Senate, 224.

Revised Statutes, An act to amend chapter 55 of the, reported and read, 114; read a second time by its title, 120; read a third time by paragraphs, passed the House, and ordered to Senate for concurrence, 137; returned concurred in, 278; enrolled and presented to Speaker for signature, 288; returned with signature of Speaker of Senate thereto, 291.

Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware, An act to repeal an act amending chapter 89, section 25, of the, introduced on leave and read, 177; read a second time by its title, 199.

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Road, public, An act to vacate a certain, in Milford Hundred, Senate bill, presented for concurrence, 119; taken up and read, 130; read a second time by its title, 149; read a third time by paragraphs and passed the House, 162; ordered Senate to be informed and bill returned, 163; presented for signature of Speaker of the House, 198.

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Seaford Odd Fellows Hall Company, An act to incorporate the, Senate bill, presented for concurrence, 255 ; taken up and read, 275 ; read a second time by its title, 275 ; read a third time by paragraphs, passed the House and ordered to be returned to Senate, 281 and 282 ; presented for signature of Speaker of House, 290.

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Sheriff, An act to allow money to be attached in hands of, introduced on leave and read, 219; read a second time by its title, 241.

Smith, John W., An act to enable, to locate vacant lands, Senate bill, presented for concurrence, 184; taken up and read, 199; read a second time by its title, 201 and 202; read a third time by paragraphs, passed the House, ordered that Senate be informed and the bill returned to that body, 213; presented for signature of the Speaker, 279.

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Vacant Lands, An act in relation to certain, reported, 140; read, 141; read a second time by its title, 150; taken up for consideration, amended, read a third time by paragraphs and passed the House, 177; ordered to Senate for concurrence, 178; returned indefinitely postponed, 289.

Vaccine Physicians, An act authorizing the Levy Court to appoint, introduced on leave and read, 159; read a second time by its title, 170 and 171; taken up and indefinitely postponed, 194; reconsideration, lost, 203.

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