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SENATE.

MONDAY, March 25, 1861. The Senate met at 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Clerk read a note from the Speaker, by which he deputed the Senator from Allegheny, Hon. JOHN P. PENNEY, to act in his stead during the day.

Mr. PENNEY then took the Chair, and called the Senate to order. The Journal of Friday was partly read, when

On motion of Mr. CONNELL the further reading of the same was dispensed with.

CLAIM OF CHARLES DE HASS. The SPEAKER pro tem. laid before the Senate a report from the Auditor General on the claim of Charles De Hass.

The Clerk read the communication, as follows: To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

The undersigned, who was authorized and directed by an Act entitled, "an Act authorizing the Auditor General to examine the claim of Charles De Hass," approved March 21, 1861, to examine the claim of Charles De Hass and assistant, for services rendered in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight, in the survey of a macadamized turnpike road from the town of Chambersburg to the western base of Laurel Hill, at or near Washington, in Westmoreland county, and report to this Legislature as soon as practicable, the amount (if any) due the said claimants for such survey, and the report thereon, respectfully reports,

"That after a careful examination of the proceedings of the Board of Canal Commissioners, he has been unable to discover that they appointed Mr. De Hass to this service, or gave any authority to make this survey. In 1838, they appointed Hother Hage, Esq., as Engineer for the purpose, among other things, of surveying a route for a continuous railway, without inclined planes, from Chambersburg to Bedford, or should that appear to be impracticable, a route for a macadamized turnpike, on part of the distance, to continue the transportation. Mr. Hage's survey was confined to the exploration of a route for a railroad.

It appears that at the instance of numerous meetings of the people of several of the counties on the line, Mr. De Hass undertook and made a survey of the route for a continuous road between Chambersburg and Laughlinstown, on the route to Pittsburg—that being one of the alternative methods of improvement provided for in the Act of April 14, 1838, entitled, "an Act to provide for the repairs and continue the improvement of the State, and for other purposes." Mr. De Hass prepared a report of this survey, including estimates of the cost of the road, which was presented to the House of Representatives on the 8th day of February, 1839, by a representative from Bedford county, referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements, and ordered to be attached to and printed with, Mr. Hage's Report of the Survey of a Railroad from Chambersburg to Pittsburg. The facts in the case seem to ignore any strictly legal right on the part of Mr. De Hass to claim compensation from the Commonwealth, because he had no precedent authority from the Canal Commissioners to make the survey. He, however, performed the work, and his report was received by the Legislature, and, by its authority, has been printed among its journals. I respectfully submit that it is for the Legislature to decide whether, under the circumstances, Mr. De Hass is entitled to receive compensation for his services from the State. He has never been paid for them. A great length of time has elapsed since they were rendered. This, however, may be accounted for by the fact that early in 1839, Mr. De Hass left Pennsylvania, and was actively engaged in engineering and other employments in Western States until 1859, when he returned to Pennsylvania, and in 1860 presented his claim for compensation for these services to the Legislature.

If the Legislature should determine to pay Mr. De Hass for these services, I am of the opinion, after having ascertained the rate of compensation paid to the engineers in the employment of the State at that time, and the time occupied in making the survey and report, that the sum of five hundred dollars would be just rate of compensation to Charles De Hass, and one hundred and fifty dollars to F. J. De Hass, his assistant.

Very Respectfully, THOS. E. COCHRAN, Auditor General.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. BOUND, (Canals and Inland Navigation,) as committed, an Act to establish a public ferry, over the Allegheny river, near the mouth of Oil creek, Venango county.

Mr. ROBINSON, (Compare Bills,) presented a report which was read, approved and ordered to be spread upon the official records of the Senate.

Mr. IRISH, (Private Claims and Damages,) as committed, an Act to authorize an examination into the claim of Jesse Conder, as Mr. MOTT, (same,) as committed, an Act to authorize an examination into the claim of Jesse Herbert, of Blair county.

Mr. CONNELL, (Corporations,) as committed, a further supplement to the Act incorporating the city of Philadelphia.

BILLS READ IN PLACE. Mr. FINNEY read in place an Act to authorize the Crawford County Central Agricultural Society to sell their fair grounds to the Great Western and Atlantic Railroad company, and to straighten the channel of French Creek.

Also, an Act relative to the town-house of Fairfield township, Crawford county.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Mr. CONNELL, an Act relative to the Belmont Avenue Plank Road company.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations. Mr. LANDON, a supplement to the Act to authorize President Judges to hold Courts out of their several districts.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Mr. MEREDITH, an Act to enable the Orphan's Court of Armstrong county to make distribution of the estate of William Gates, late of Kitting, deceased.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. An Act to enable the county of Armstrong to compromise with the holders of her county bonds, issued to the Allegheny Valley Railroad Company.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Mr. BOUND, an Act to extend the provisions of an Act of Assembly for the better security of the wages of laborers, in certain counties in this Commonwealth, to Montfort and Columbia counties.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Also, a supplement to the Act incorporating the McCalla Mountain Railroad Company. Referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Mr. FINNEY, an Act supplementary to an Act for the protection of game.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, &c.

Mr. LAWRENCE, an Act for the preservation of fish in the Middle Fork of Ten Mile Creek, in Washington county.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, &c.

Mr. CONNELL moved that the Senate reconsider the vote had upon the final passage of House bill No. 471, entitled "a further supplement to the Act incorporating the city of Philadelphia."

Agreed to. So the bill, being before the Senate on its final passage, the consideration of the same on motion of Mr. CONNELL, was postponed to the present.

BILLS CONSIDERED. Mr. FINNEY moved to discharge the Committee on Estates and Escheats from the consideration of an Act to authorize the Crawford County Central Agricultural Society to sell their fair grounds to the Great Western and Atlantic Railroad company, and to straighten the channel of French creek.

The motion was agreed to. The bill was taken up, considered and passed finally.

Mr. GREGG called up Senate bill, No. 494, entitled "an Act to incorporate the Farmers' and Mechanics Mutual Fire Insurance company of Nittany and Sugar Valleys, Clinton county."

Passed finally. Mr. HALL called up bill entitled "an Act authorizing an examination of the claim of James J. Hart."

Passed finally. Mr. HAMILTON called up Senate bill, No. 562, entitled, an Act for the relief of William Griffith, a soldier of the Indian wars.

Passed finally. Mr. HESTAND called up Senate bill No. 534, entitled, an Act relative to the transfer of stock in the Dock Coal company.

In Committee of the Whole, Mr. BLOOD in the Chair, on motion of Mr. HESTAND, the first section was amended, in the ninth line, by adding the following words after the word "adopted": "Said transfer may be recorded without producing the original certificate."

The bill was reported to the Senate as amended, and laid over on third reading.

Mr. IRISH called up House bill, No. 497, entitled "an Act authorizing the school directors in the borough of Sewickley, Allegheny county, to borrow money."

Passed finally. Mr. KETCHAM called up House bill, No. 497, entitled "an Act to authorize the erection of a poor house, in the township of Blakely, Luzerne county."

Passed finally. Mr. LANDON called up Senate bill, No. 569, entitled a supplement to an Act to incorporate the Bartley Railroad and Coal company.

Passed finally. Mr. LAWRENCE called up "an Act for the preservation of fish in the Middle Fork of the Ten Mile creek, in Washington county."

Passed finally. Mr. MEREDITH called up Senate bill, No. 602, entitled an Act to incorporate the Brady Bend Iron company.

The bill being before the Senate on second reading, The 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th sections were severally read and agreed to.

Mr. MEREDITH moved to amend in the 8th section so as to continue the Act in force for a term of "twenty-five years," "instead of thirty."

The amendment was agreed to. The 9th section was read.

Mr. BOUND moved to amend by striking out the 9th section in the original bill, and inserting as follows in lieu thereof:

Sec. 9. That this corporation shall pay into the Treasury of the Commonwealth, a bonus of one half per centum on the capital stock here by authorized, or hereafter created, in four equal annual instalments, and such taxes on dividends as is or may be provided by law; and the stockholders of said company shall be individually liable for all debts due mechanics, workmen, and laborers employed by said company, and for all materials and provisions for laborers provided in the twelfth, thirteenth and fourteenth sections of the Act incorporating the Lackawanna coal and iron company, approved the fifth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three.

The amendment was agreed to. The bill so amended was agreed to, and on the question Shall the bill pass? It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. KETCHAM called up House bill, No. 228, entitled "a supplement to an Act to extend the limits of the borough of Prompton, Wayne county."

Mr. PARKER called up Senate bill, entitled "an Act to release the Eagle Library company of the city of Philadelphia, from the payment of a portion of their enrollment tax."

On the final passage of said bill, The yeas and nays were required by Mr. SCHINDEL and Mr. PARKER, and were as follows: YEAS.—Messrs. Blood, Boughter, Connell, Hamilton, Hestand, Ketcham and Parker—7. NAYS.—Messrs. Bound, Clymer, Crawford, Finney, Irish, Mott, Penney, Robinson, Schindel and Serrill—10.

So the bill was defeated. Mr. ROBINSON called up Senate bill No. 631, entitled an Act to establish a public ferry across the Allegheny river, near the mouth of Oil creek in Venango county.

Passed finally. Mr. SCHINDEL called up Senate bill No. 300, entitled, an Act supplemental to the Act to incorporate the borough of Easton, Northampton county.

In Committee of the Whole, Mr. KETCHAM in the Chair, the bill was amended, so reported, and passed finally.

The Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth being introduced, presented a message from the Governor, which was read as follows: EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, Harrisburg, March 25, 1861.

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania: GENTLEMEN: I return to the House, in which it originated, the bill No. 143, entitled "an Act incorporating the Pittston Hose company, No. 1, in the borough of Pittston, in the county of Luzerne, Pennsylvania," with my objections.

The bill, as amended, was passed by its supplement of 8th April, 1861, makes general provision for the incorporation of fire engine or

hose companies, precisely similar to that which is embraced in the present bill.

Under the general law the Supreme Court and Attorney General certify as to the lawfulness of the objects, articles and conditions to be set forth in an instrument of writing which any number of persons may sign who desire to associate for any literary, charitable or religious purpose, or to form any beneficial association, or fire engine, or hose company.

By another general law of the 13th of October, 1840, similar power is conferred upon the courts of common pleas. These grants of general powers to the courts are carefully guarded, and were doubtless maturely considered by the law making power before enacted; and from observation and experience I feel fully warranted in saying that a safer judgment of the powers enumerated cannot be made anywhere than in the courts.

While these general laws remain upon the statute book, special legislation upon subjects which fall fully within the scope of their provisions, should not find any encouragement from the law making power.

A resort to the courts, under these general laws, makes the powers and immunities to be enjoyed by corporations of the class embraced in this bill, as they should be, equal and uniform in all respects, and therefore less liable to come in any way in conflict with the public interests.

Legislation, conferring special privileges, is always objectionable, and more especially so when general laws are in existence, under which all may be equally favored. In all cases where jurisdiction of the subject matter has been given to the courts by general laws, I shall feel greatly inclined to leave the exercise of the powers conferred to their exclusive control, unless some special necessity should arise for an exception, which does not appear to exist in the present instance.

A. G. CURTIN. Mr. WHARTON called up House bill, No. 172, entitled an Act to authorize the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal church, of Broodrun, Bedford county, to sell certain real estate.

Passed finally. Mr. BLOOD called up House bill No. 438, entitled an Act for the relief of the Administrators of William Armstrong.

Passed finally. Mr. BOUGHTER called up House bill No. 384, entitled "resolutions relative to the pay of James P. Williams."

Passed finally. Mr. BOUND called up Senate bill No. 597, entitled "an Act relative to the Reformed Congregational Church, Snyder county."

Passed finally. Mr. GREGG called up Senate bill No. 561, entitled "an Act authorizing the Auditor General, State Treasurer, and Attorney General to examine the claim of David McCormick."

Passed finally. Mr. CONNELL called up Senate bill No. 370, entitled "an Act supplementary to an Act—entitled 'an Act relating to certain courts,' et cetera, passed April 16, 1858."

The first and only section was read as follows: Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That each of the commissioners appointed by virtue of the Act to which this is a supplement shall be, and is hereby authorized, to take and certify under his seal the acknowledgment and proof of the execution of any deed, mortgage or other instrument of writing, touching or concerning any lands, tenements or hereditaments situate in any part of this State, or of any contract, letter of attorney, or other writing, under seal, and to take and receive the separate examination of any *non covert* touching the conveyance of any right upon any such lands, tenements, or hereditaments, with like force and effect as if the same were acknowledged before any judge of any court of this Commonwealth.

Mr. KETCHAM called for an explanation of the provisions of the bill.

Mr. CONNELL. On the 16th of April, 1858, the Legislature authorized the Court of Common Pleas for the city and county of Philadelphia to appoint three Commissioners to take acknowledgements of deeds. We have, in the city, several Aldermen's offices located in the immediate vicinity of the State House, but they are generally so crowded by persons having business there, that it is almost impossible to procure these deeds; so the vesting in these Commissioners of the power specified will be much to the convenience of the public.

The bill then passed finally. Mr. MOTT called up House bill, No. 439, an Act relating to collectors of taxes in Carbon county.

Passed finally. Mr. CRAWFORD called up House bill, No. 556, entitled an Act to repeal the road laws of Miller township, Ferry county.

Passed finally. Mr. HAMILTON called up Senate bill, No. 611, entitled an Act to incorporate the Berks and Lancaster county railroad company.

Passed finally. The hour of five o'clock having arrived, The SPEAKER adjourned the Senate until this evening at 7 o'clock.

CORRECTION.—In the debate on the general appropriation bill, with reference to the appropriation to the State Normal Schools at Millersville and Edinboro, published in No. 78 of the Record, Mr. FRAZIER, in replying to Mr. BALL, is made to say that he "thought Susquehanna to be rather a poor county." It should have read he "thought Susquehanna county to be rather a good county, although it had been held by others to be a poor county."

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

MONDAY, March 25, 1861. The House met at 3 o'clock, p. m., and was called to order by Mr. SHEPARD, Speaker pro tem.; and opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. Robinson.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal of Friday, when

On motion of Mr. ACKER, the further reading of the same was dispensed with.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON LEAVE GIVEN. Mr. ACKER, (Railroads,) as committed, a supplement to an Act to incorporate the West Chester and Philadelphia Railroad company.

Mr. ACKER moved to suspend the rules and consider the bill.

The motion was agreed to. And the said bill was taken up and passed finally.

Mr. MOORE, (Ways and Means, with amendments, Senate bill No. 242, entitled "an

Act to exempt from taxation the American Protestant Hall building of Philadelphia."

Mr. MOORE moved to suspend the rules and consider the bill.

The motion was agreed to. And said bill was taken up and on the final passage of the bill.

The yeas and nays were required by Mr. WILLIAMS and Mr. FRAZIER, and were as follows, viz: YEAS.—Messrs. Austin, Ball, Bartholomew, Bixel, Bixler, Blanchard, Bliss, Brewster, Byrne, Craig, Duffield, Goehring, Gordon, Heck, Hofus, Huhn, Leisinger, Lowther, Moore, Mullin, Patterson, Preston, Roller, Schrock, Seltzer, Sheppard, Smith, (Philadelphia,) Strang, Teller, Thomas, Wilkey and Wilson—32.

NAYS.—Messrs. Armstrong, Bressler, Burns, Butler, (Crawford,) Dismant, Divins, Donley, Douglas, Frazier, Hayes, Hood, Koch, Lichtenwallner, Manifold, Myers, Ober, Reiff, Rhoads, Stehman, Walker and Williams—20.

So the question was determined in the affirmative.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDITOR GENERAL. The Speaker pro tem. laid before the House a communication from the Auditor General, which was read, as follows: AUDITOR GENERAL'S OFFICE, Harrisburg, March 22, 1860.

To the Honorable Speaker of the House of Representatives: Sir—I have the honor to transmit to you, for presentation to the House, my report on the claim of Charles De Hass, made in obedience to the Act of March 21, 1861.

I have the honor to be, Very respectfully yours, THOS. E. COCHRAN, Auditor General.

[The report will be found in the proceedings of the Senate of to-day.] The communication was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

REMONSTRANCES, &c. Mr. DOUGLASS presented a remonstrance from one hundred and fifty-five citizens of Ellanbeth township, Allegheny county, against a division of said township.

Referred to the Committee on Election Districts. Mr. WILSON, a petition from Beaver county, praying for a law authorizing the banks to issue notes of the denominations of one, two and three dollars.

Referred to the Committee on Banks. Also, one from citizens of Beaver county, praying for a law authorizing the Commissioners of said county to borrow money.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, (local.) Mr. BURNS, one from forty citizens of the county of Allegheny, for a change in the financial system of said county.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, (local.) Mr. TELLER, one for the repeal of all license laws of this Commonwealth.

Referred to the Committee on Vice and Immorality. Also, one to increase the jurisdiction of justices of the peace.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, (local.) Also, one of similar import.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, (local.) Mr. BLANCHARD, one from citizens of Little Beaver township, Lawrence county, for the passage of an Act to change the place of holding elections in said township.

Referred to the Committee on Election Districts. Mr. WALKER, one from citizens of Pennsylvania, for the conditional repeal of the tax imposed on the New York and Erie railroad company.

Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means. Mr. SCHROCK, one from John Dunlap and others for a change of the boundary line between Somerset and Bedford counties.

Referred to the Committee on New Counties and County Seats. Mr. MOORE, a remonstrance from citizens of Philadelphia against the passage of an Act entitled "a supplement to an Act to provide for the erection of public buildings in the city of Philadelphia."

Referred to a Special Committee. Mr. SCHROCK, a remonstrance against the passage of an Act authorizing the trustees of the German Lutheran church at Pine Hill, Somerset county, to lease certain real estate.

Referred to the Committee on Estates and Escheats. Also, a petition from citizens of Middle Woodbury township, Bedford county, praying for the passage of an Act to incorporate Cove Lodge, No. 388-of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations. Mr. DUFFIELD, five remonstrances from citizens of the twenty-third, Philadelphia, against the passage of an Act to erect public buildings in Philadelphia.

Referred to the Special Committee on that subject. Mr. PRESTON, a petition from property owners on Washington Lane, twenty-second ward, Philadelphia, praying for the passage of an Act for the opening of said lane to the width of eighty feet.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, (local.) Mr. SMITH, a remonstrance from Philadelphia against the passage of a law creating a Weighmaster or Inspector of cattle, sheep, &c.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, (local.) Mr. REIFF, a petition from citizens of Monaghan township, York county, to pass an Act to sell certain real estate, the property of God's Church in said township.

Referred to the Committee on Election Districts. Mr. ABBOTT, one from citizens of Philadelphia praying for the passage of an Act authorizing the erection of a free bridge over the Schuylkill River, at South street.

Referred to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Canals. Mr. BLAIR, one from twenty-five citizens of Burlington borough, Bradford county, asking for a law for the erection of Poor House in Bradford county.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, (local.) Mr. ROLLER, two petitions from citizens of Blair county for the passage of the Act incorporating the Juniata Valley Railroad Company.

Referred to the Committee on Railroads. Mr. BUTLER, (Crawford,) the petition of citizens of Crawford county, praying for the passage of an Act to incorporate the Meadville and Warren Telegraph company.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations. Mr. PRICE, the memorial of inhabitants of

Chester county, asking for the repeal of all laws regulating the sale of intoxicating drinks.

Referred to the Committee on Vice and Immorality. Also, the petition of citizens of Chester county, praying for the passage of an Act extending the Mechanics' lien law to repairs on buildings.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, (general.) Mr. BISEL, the petition of citizens of Chillisquaque township, praying for a change in the place of holding their elections in said township.

Referred to the Committee on Election Districts. Mr. ELLENBERGER, the petition of citizens of the borough of Easton, for the passage of an Act empowering and requiring the town council of said borough to grade the streets and alleys.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, (local.) Also, one from citizens of the borough of Easton, for the passage of an Act empowering the town council of said borough to compel the owners of property to lay plank or foot walks in front of their lots.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, (local.) Mr. WILDEY, the petition of citizens of Philadelphia, remonstrating against the passage of the law relative to the erection of public buildings in said city.

Referred to the Special Committee on that subject. Mr. BLANCHARD, the petition of citizens of Little Beaver township, Lawrence county, praying for the passage of an Act to authorize the State Treasurer to pay to said township its share of the State appropriation for school purposes for the year 1859 and 1860.

Referred to the Committee on Education. Mr. MOORE, the remonstrance of citizens of Philadelphia against the passage of an Act entitled "a supplement to an Act entitled an Act to provide for the erection of public buildings in the city of Philadelphia."

Referred to the Special Committee on the subject. Mr. FRAZIER, the petition of citizens of Auburn township, Susquehanna county, praying for an alteration in their present laws.

Referred to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Canals. Mr. MULLIN, one from citizens of Cambria county to change the Act for the erection of a house for the employment and support of the poor of Cambria county.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, (local.) Also, one from citizens of Johnstown, Cambria county, for the passage of an Act to incorporate the members of the Franklin street Methodist Episcopal church in said borough.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations. Mr. BREWSTER, one from citizens of Franklin county for an Act making a premium on foxes and crows.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, &c. Mr. LICHTENWALLNER, one from citizens of Lehigh county for an appropriation to be made to further the settlement in Liberia of such of the colored population of this State as are desirous to remove there.

Laid on the table. Mr. AUSTIN, one from citizens of Cumberland, Franklin and Adams counties, for the passage of an Act for the protection of deer in said counties.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture. Mr. BIXLER, four from citizens of Bethel township, Berks county, to become annexed to Lebanon county.

Referred to the Committee on New Counties and County Seats. Mr. DOUGLASS, one from one hundred and eight citizens of the townships of Chartiers and Robinson, Allegheny county, praying that the Auditors be made a Board of Control for said county.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, (local.) Also, one from one hundred and thirty-six citizens of Chartiers and Lower St. Blair townships, Allegheny county, of similar import.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, (local.) RE-COMMITMENT. Mr. GORDON moved to re-commit House bill No. 738.

The motion was agreed to. Mr. HUNN moved to re-commit House bill No. 659, entitled "a supplement to the Act to protect fruit and punish trespass, &c.," to the Committee on Agriculture.

The motion was agreed to. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES. Mr. BYRNE, (Estates and Escheats,) as committed, Senate bill No. 490, entitled "an Act to authorize Chas. Bower and Jas. Brant to sell certain real estate."

Mr. OBER, (same,) with a negative recommendation, an Act to authorize the trustees of Pine Hill church, Somerset county, to lease certain real estate.

Mr. REIFF, (same,) as committed, an Act for the more effectual securing of title to a certain lot of ground in Pennsbury township, Chester county.

Mr. ABBOTT, (Banks,) sundry amendments to the General Banking Law.

Mr. RHODES, (Election Districts,) with a negative recommendation, an Act to divide the Tenth Division of the Twentieth Ward, Philadelphia, into two precincts.

Mr. LICHTENWALLNER, (same,) with an amendment, an Act to divide the borough of Ebensburg, Cambria county, into two wards.

Mr. LOWTHER, (same,) with an amendment, an Act to change the place of holding elections in Quemahoning township, Somerset county.

Mr. RHODES, (same,) with an amendment, an Act to change the place of holding elections in Penn township, Clearfield county.

Mr. LICHTENWALLNER, (same,) with an amendment, an Act to change the place of holding elections in West township, Huntingdon county.

Mr. LOWTHER, (same,) an Act to change the place of holding elections in Allegheny township, Venango county.

Mr. LICHTENWALLNER, (same,) with an amendment, an Act to change the place of holding elections in the borough of Middle Woodbury, Bradford county.

FINAL ADJOURNMENT. Mr. WILDEY moved to suspend the rules for the purpose of considering the joint resolution relative to the final adjournment.

On the motion, The yeas and nays were required by Mr. PATTERSON and Mr. WILDEY, and were as follows, viz: YEAS.—Messrs. Anderson, Armstrong, Austin, Bartholomew, Bixel, Bixler, Bressler, Burns, Butler, (Crawford,) Clark, Cope, Dismant, Divins, Duffield, Duncan, Elliott, Gibboney, Goehring, Gor-

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