

House adjourned at 1 o'clock.

Afternoon.

House came to order at 2 o'clock.

Committee on education reported a bill providing that the interests of town deposit funds shall be appropriated to the purposes of education, and to no other purpose; bill read 1st time.

Committee on Judiciary reported in favor of the bill repealing an act by which \$3 25 must be paid to the Secretary of State on each petition to the Legislature; bill read 2d time.

Bill repealing the law by which tenants may be ejected at thirty days notice; read first time.

Bill providing that judges of Superior Courts may have the same power with respect to orders of notice as judges of County Courts now have; referred to committee on Judiciary.

Committee, to whom was referred the petition of James Mars and others, praying the word "white" may be struck out from the Constitution; reported adversely.

The report of the minority was called for by Mr. Perkins and read. It proved to be a long and able argument in favor of allowing the colored man to vote. The minority contended that taxation and representation were inseparable, that it was no party no abolition or anti-slavery measure. This report was signed by Simeon Hart of Farmington. The report of majority was accepted, and leave given to the petitioners to withdraw.

Committee on Judiciary reported against the bill providing that the official seal of a notary public be prima facie evidence of protest on bills of exchange, &c; read second time.

Committee on State Prison reported against petition of John Bagshaw for discharge from prison report accepted and petitioner had leave to withdraw.

Committee on Judiciary reported against the bill repealing the second section of the law passed May session, 1841, concerning nine-pin alleys; read second time.

Committee on Claims reported in favor of allowing John Russell, \$11 13 for services rendered in 1837; read second time—rule dispensed with—read third time and passed.

Bill for an act concerning the Supreme Court of Errors; read twice and referred to committee on Judiciary.

The following amendment to the Constitution was now taken up:

"Every white male citizen of the United States, who shall have attained the age of twenty-one years, who shall have resided in this State for the term of one year next preceding, and in the town in which he may offer himself to be admitted to the privileges of an elector at least six months next preceding the time he may so offer himself, and shall sustain a good moral character, shall on taking such oath, as may be prescribed by law, be an elector." After some debate, this amendment was adopted.

Mr. Lippett appointed chairman of the committee on license laws in place of the Hon. Joel Hinman. Mr. Couch was appointed in the place of Mr. Lippett on same committee.

House adjourned.

Saturday Morning, May 23th.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Dutton.

House came to order at 10 o'clock. Journal of yesterday

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