

The Committee on contested elections to whom was referred the certificates of John M. Noyes & William Haynes, claiming seats from the towns of Tuxton & Eden, made a report in favor of John M. Noyes holding a seat in this House — and the report was ordered to lie on the table.

On motion by Mr. Steward of Anson

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of enacting a general law requiring that all corporations hereafter chartered for lucrative purposes, shall annually pay, for the use of the State, a percentage on their dividends or earnings reserving to the State a right, at any time within — years from the granting of Charter, to make investments into the Corporate stock, not exceeding — percent of the Capital. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Duxton of N. Dartmouth

Ordered. That the Committee on Finance be instructed to ascertain and report to the House whether a State Tax may not for the ensuing year be dispensed with, and if not at the present time, when it may be dispensed with.

The committee on engrossed Bills reported as duly engrossed
Bill — An Act to incorporate Bethel Academy

— " . . . authorizing the erection of Dams in
{ the town of Georgetown, County of Yamalo

— " . . . authorizing the erection of a dam across
{ Parker's Bay in the town of Shiptonburg

— " . . . to provide for the sale & distribution of
{ the Ministerial & School Lands in
{ Plantation No. 1. County of Oxford

which were severally passed to be enacted. Sent up for concurrence.