The motion to print five hundred additional copies of the internal tax bill was accordingly referred, under the law, to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. GARFIELD. The committee can be prepared to report on that matter to-morrow morning.

The SPEAKER. It is possible that at twelve o'clock to-morrow, when the House meets, our presence may be desired at the bar of the House at twelve o'clock to-morrow, when the House is to meet, and we may be required to be present at the bar of the House.

Mr. JULIAN. I desire to inquire whether any action will be taken at this time upon the resolution?

Mr. GARFIELD. The committee can be prepared to report on the resolution to-morrow morning.

No business was transacted, unless the Committee on Printing shall be ready to report upon the resolution to print five hundred additional copies of the internal tax bill in pamphlet form.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

Mr. LAWRENCE, of Ohio, by unanimous consent, submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to communicate to this House copies of all correspondence that has taken place between the Department of State and the Indian Bureau, in relation to the sale of the iron-clads Oneota and Catawba.

Mr. BENJAMIN. By unanimous consent, came to the following resolution, which was read, considered, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Navy be directed to instruct the Secretary of the Navy to lay before the House, at the next session of Congress, a statement of the object of the gentleman from Illinois, and whether the motion to reconsider be laid on the table.

Mr. ROBINSON. In view of the suggestion of the gentleman from Illinois, I will not persist in pressing the motion.

Mr. INGERSOLL. I ask unanimous consent to submit the following resolution for reference to the Committee on Retrenchment:

Resolved, That a sum of money be appropriated to the Second Division of the Treasury Department to defray the expenses of removing the Half dozen loads of rubbish which have accumulated in the yard of the Second Division of the Treasury Department, requiring about twenty days' labor.

Mr. WASHINGTON, of Ohio, moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole on the State of the Union.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Mr. BARBER. The Committee on Finance have reported, to the House, the following resolution; which was read, considered, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire whether the internal tax bill, as reported by the Committee on Finance, was intended to be a tax upon speculation.

REPUBLICATION OF INTERNAL TAX BILL.

Mr. LAPLANE, from the Committee on Printing, reported the following resolution; which was read, considered, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire whether any further appropriations have been made by the last Congress to defray the expenses of the regiment of guards which have been sent to the west front of the Capitol, and to complete the barracks now suspended, requiring about fifteen days' labor.

Mr. MCARTHUR asked and obtained indefinite leave of absence after to-day.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Mr. WASHBURN, of Illinois, moved that the rules be suspended and that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. ROBINSON. In view of the suggestion of the gentleman from Illinois, I will not insist on the modification of the resolution.

Mr. BENJAMIN. By unanimous consent, the following resolution was ordered to be printed for the use of the committee:

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FINANCIAL POLICY OF THE COUNTRY.

Mr. GARFIELD. Mr. Chairman, I am aware that financial subjects do not puzzle and uninviting in comparison with those historic themes which have absorbed the attention of Congress for the last five years. To turn from the consideration of armaments and navies, victories and defeats, to the long array of figures which exhibit the debt, expenditure, taxation, and industry of the nation, requires no little courage and self-denial; but in those questions we come, and to their solution Congressmen, political parties, and all thoughtful citizens must be prepared to give their best efforts for many years to come.

Mr. ROBINSON. Well, that inquiry would more properly be addressed to the Secretary of War.

Mr. ROBINSON. In view of the suggestion of the gentleman from Illinois, I will not insist on the modification of the resolution.

Mr. CHARLES. I would like to know what is the object of the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. BENJAMIN] in offering this resolution?

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Mr. LINCOLN, of Illinois, moved that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Retrenchment.

The resolution was adopted.

TRADING WITH BRITISH PROVINCES, ETC.

Mr. INGERSOLL. I ask unanimous consent to submit the following resolution for reference to the Committee on Printing:

Resolved, That the President be directed to cause to be printed for the use of the committee, five hundred additional copies of the letters at the Secretary of the Treasury, dated May 27, 1868, and May 25, 1868, together with the reports of Mr. George W. Begg, upon trade with the British Provinces of North America, therewith transmitted, be printed for the use of the House, and five hundred for the use of the Treasury Department.

Mr. WASHINGTON, of Illinois, agreed to this resolution, and only asked for what he wished to add to all others, a patient hearing.

HARRIS STEAM ENGINE COMPANY.

Mr. INGERSOLL. By unanimous consent, introduced a bill (H. R. No. 1074) to incorporate the Harris Steam Engine Company of the District of Columbia, which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

Mr. ELA, by unanimous consent, submitted the following resolution; which was read, considered, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire whether any further appropriations have been made by the last Congress to defray the expenses of the regiment of guards which have been sent to the west front of the Capitol, and to complete the barracks now suspended, requiring about fifteen days' labor.

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