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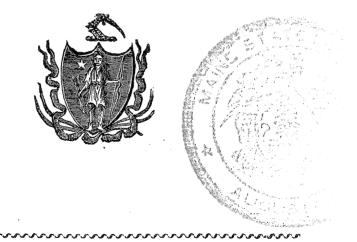
OF THE

GENERAL COURT

OF THE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts,

BEGUN AND HELD AT BOSTON, IN THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, ON WEDNES-DAY, THE TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY OF MAY, ANNO DOMINI, ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SIX.



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OF THE

COMMONWEAL'TH OF MASSACHUSETTS,

For the political year 1806-7.

HIS EXCELLENCY

CALEB STRONG, Esq. Governor.

[General HEATH having declined serving, there will be no Lieutenant-Governor this year.]

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RESOLVES, OF THE GENERAL COURT OF

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MASSACHUSETTS,

PASSED AT THE SESSION BEGUN AND HELD AT BOSTON, ON WEDNESDAY, THE TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY OF MAY, ANNO DOMINI, 1806.

GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.

STATE HOUSE, TUESDAY, JUNE 17. At 12 o'clock, the Senators attended in the Representatives Chamber agreeably to assignment, His Excellency, the Governor, entered, attended by the Honorable Council, and the Sheriff of Suffolk; when His Excellency delivered the following

SPEECH:

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE, AND

GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

THE Constitution makes it necessary for the Legislative Body to assemble on the last Wednesday of May, that the two Houses may judge of the election of their own Members, appoint their officers, and determine their rules of proceeding; and in case the full number of Senators is not elected by a majority of all the votes returned, to supply the deficiency; and to make choice of a Council to advise in the Executive part of Government. Having performed these several duties, you will proceed to make and establish such reasonable Laws as you shall judge expedient for the good and welfare of the Commonwealth; and the necessary support and defence of the government. But it has been found inconvenient inconvenient for the Members of the General Court to be long employed in the public service at this season of the year, and therefore they have ususally postponed to the winter session such business as did not require their immediate notice.

The Secretary will deliver you a communication, which I have received from the Governor of Maryland relative to an Amendment of the Federal Constitution; and also a letter from WIL-LIAM EATON, Esq. expressing his acknowledgments to the Legislature of this State for the testimonial which they presented him at the last session, of their approbation of his services.

He will also deliver to you a letter from the Superintendent of the State Prison, representing, that a sea wall will be necessary to prevent the earth which is taken from the prison yards from being washed away, and proposing some regulations for the security of the prison, which cannot be adopted without the sanction of Legislative authority.

The Treasurer has transmitted to me a state of the Treasury on the first day of this month, with a request that I would communicate the same to the General Court.

Permit me also to recommend to your consideration the contents of a letter addressed to me by Theophilus Parsons, Esq. Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, relating to the compensation allowed to the Justices of that Court, and particularly to the grants made by the Legislature in part of it, which are not permanent.

By a Message to the General Court of the 6th of June, 1804, they were informed, that I should readily acquiesce in such Resolution for disposing of the Province-House, as they might think proper to adopt. But I have not heard that any measures were afterwards taken by the two Houses on that subject. The family who had lived in the house for several years, and with whom I resided when in town, have left it since the last session, and it remains unoccupied.

I have received a letter from Charles Turner, jun. Esq. who was appointed by the agents of the Commonwealth, and of the Plymouth company, in pursuance of a Resolve of the 27th of last February, to perform the duties which had been assigned to Lothrop Lewis, Esq. by a Resolve of the 15th of February, 1804, stating, that in March last, he attempted to run the boundary line of the Plymouth Company's land on the river Kennebec, as far as the land of the Commonwealth, and that he met with such opposition from the people in that vicinity, as induced him to desist, before the business was accomplished. This letter will also be laid before you. The Treasurer informs me, that the Directors of several of the incorporated Banks in this State, neglected last year to have the weights used in their respective Banks, compared, proved and sealed by the Treasurer, or by a person specially authorised by him, in the manner required by the additional act for the due regulation of weights and measures, passed on the 9th of March, 1804. If those requisitions are unnecessarily burdensome, you will doubtless amend the act; but if they are useful and important, you will probably take measures for carrying it into full execution.

In a letter directed to me by the Inspector of Beef and Pork, he suggests, that the Inspection Laws of this State are very imperfect; and that some of the additional acts which have been made to regulate the system, have tended rather to perplex and embarrass, than to improve and explain it. This subject, I presume, will receive from you that degree of attention which is due to its importance.

In free states, where the mind is neither subdued by force nor awed by terror, even the appearance of unanimity is not to be expected. But whatever differences of opinion may prevail among our fellow-citizens, we, as agents of the Commonwealth, have one and the same interest to pursue, and are bound by the most solemn obligation to pursue it invariably. Our constituents have a right to expect our warmest zeal, not for the success of a party, but for the public good. You, gentlemen, I trust will have this object constantly in view, and instead of consulting private interest, or gratifying partiality or resentment, will be ready to agree in all cases where the general welfare of the state is concerned. Such an example in the Legislature will have the happiest tendency in every part of the Commonwealth to abate the fervor of political dissentions, and prevent or repress those internal feuds, which if long continued, admit of no reconciliationand which in other countries have proved fatal to almost every free government.

CALEB STRONG.

June 17th 1806.

ANSWER OF THE SENATE.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

THE Senate have received the Address which your Excellency has been pleased to make to both Branches of the Legislature, with that respect and consideration which is due to the First Magistrate of a free people.

Having organized the Government, according to the Constitution, we believe it will not be expected by our Constituents that we should continue longer in session, than may be found necessary to complete such Laws as their immediate welfare shall require.

In a State, like our own, where free discussions of public measures are cherished by the Constitution, perfect unanimity is not to be expected; but if such discussions have at any time been directed by party zeal, or selfish motives, we have the satisfaction to believe, that even these have tended to prove the correctness of its principles.

While we agree with your Excellency, that "whatever differences of opinion may prevail among our fellow-citizens, we, as agents of the Commonwealth, have one and the same interest to pursue," we cannot for a moment relinquish the fond hope, that no considerations of party politics will swerve the Legislature of Massachusetts from that path which leads to the perpetuation of our Constitution and the confidence of our fellow-citizens.

The several subjects mentioned in your Excellency's communication, shall receive our particular attention, and we shall cheerfully co-operate in affording that dispatch to the business of the session which the public good requires.

ANSWER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

THE House of Representatives have received with pleasure, the communications of your Excellency, and will give them a prompt and deliberate consideration. The present session has been hitherto chiefly devoted to the organization of the Government, and this being accomplished, it seems inexpedient to prolong it, unless the pressure of the public service requires. In the exercise of the constitutional power of the two branches of the Legislature, respecting the returns and election of a Chief Magistrate, various questions of great importance have arisen, and oc-

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casioned much deliberation, in order that such decisions might be made to comport with the true principle of our government and the permanent interests of the people.

Differences of political opinion unavoidably flow from the free exercise of the understanding, and are intimately connected with the nature of Republican institutions. When confined within the boundary of reason they may be considered as salutary, by awakening a spirit of inquiry, and diffusing a sentiment of toleration. But the interest and tranquility of every government require, on the part of the people, a respectful attention to the constituted authorities, which shall resist the imputation of improper motives of conduct, and on the part of those authorities an elevated ambition for the public good, which shall bury party animosities and private resentments. By a faithful discharge of the duties prescribed by the constitution, by an endeavor to promote harmony in the moment of political dissentions, and by a sincere determination to act for the public welfare, we hope to merit the confidence and promote the felicity of our fellow-citizens.

Blest, as we are, with a constitution, formed upon the principles of political wisdom, and with a national administration, whose measures are directed to the honor and prosperity of our country, we cannot fail to enjoy the benefits of liberty, if we are not insensible of our duties, or careless of our privileges. Removed from the contentions and miseries of foreign nations, may we support the dignity of freemen by a generous confidence in our rulers, and by an exalted sense of national character.

RESOLVES.

I.

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Resolve for appointing additional Notaries for Barnstable county. June 16, 1806.

Resolved that two additional public Notaries be appointed for the county of Barnstable, one to reside in the town of *Yarmouth*, and one in the town of *Harwich*.

II.

Resolve on Petition of Isaac and Mary Mills. June 16, 1806.

ON the petition of Isaac Mills, and Mary his wife a minor, setting forth that the said Mary is seized and possessed of certain real estate in the town of Becket, in the county of Berkshire, and praying that the said Isaac and Mary may be authorized to sell the said real estate ; and the Judge of Probate for the said county having certified the facts stated in their petition, and that it would be to the advantage of the said Mary that the said land should be sold.

Resolved, for the reasons stated in said petition, that the said Isaac Mills and Mary his wife, be and they are hereby authorized to execute a Deed or Deeds of conveyance of the said real estate, her minority notwithstanding; and that said Deed or Deeds by the said Isaac and Mary, executed in due form of law, pursuant to this Resolve, shall have the same force and effect, as though the said Mary, at the time of the execution thereof were of full age.

III.

Resolve for pay of the Council, Senate and House of Representatives. June 18, 1806.

Resolved, that there be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of this Commonwealth to each of the members of the Council, Senate and House of Representatives, two dollars per day for each day's attendance the present session, and the like sum for every ten mile's travel, from their respective places of abode to the place of the setting of the General Court: and be it further resolved, that there be paid to the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives, each two dollars per day for each and every day's attendance over and above their pay as Members.

Resolve on Petition of Stephen Torrey, directing the Treasurer to deliver a certain original Order. June 18, 1806.

On petition of Stephen Torrey praying that the Treasurer of the Commonwealth may be authorized to deliver a certain original Order.

Resolved, for the reasons set forth in said petition that the Treasurer of the Commonwealth be, and he hereby is authorized and empowered to annex the original order in said petition mentioned, to his deposition; and to deliver the same to the said Stephen Torrey or his agent, taking a written engagement from said Torrey, or his agent, to return the said order into the Treasurer's office as soon as the same can be returned, after having been used for the purpose in said petition expressed.

V.

Resolve on the Petition of Comstock Betts and Linus Hall, authorizing two Justices to grant them licences to retail liquors. June 18, 1806.

On the petition of Comstock Betts and Linus Hall, both of *Richmond* in the county of *Berkshire*.

Resolved, for the reasons set forth in the said petition, that any two Justices of the Peace for the county of *Berkshire*, quorum unus, are hereby authorized, to grant licence to the said Comstock Betts and Linus Hall, or either of them, as retailers of spirituous liquors, within the said town of *Richmond*, until the next Court of General Sessions of the Peace for the county of *Berkshire*, the said Comstock Betts and Linus Hall, complying with the requisitions of the Law of this Commonwealth for regulating licences.

IV.

Resolve confirming the records and doings of the Town Clerk of Vienna. June 18, 1806.

On the petition of Joshua Moore, Robert Cofren, and Benjamin Porter, selectmen of the town of *Vienna*, in the county of *Kennebec*, representing that for the present year, and for several years past, the Clerk of said town has not been annually sworn, upon his re-election into office, as the law directs; and requesting that this neglect may not be injurious to the proceedings of said town of *Vienna*;

Resolved, that the past records and doings of the Town Clerk of said town of Vienna, be, and hereby are confirmed, and made as good and valid in law as they would have been if said Town Clerk Clerk had been annually sworn as the law directs, upon his reelection into office; *Provided*, that said Town Clerk shall, within three months from the passing of this resolve, make oath before a Justice of the Peace for the county of *Kennebec* that he has, during all the time of his serving in said office of Town Clerk, performed his duty therein, with fidelity according to his best judgment, as the law directs, and that a certificate of said oath shall be, within the time aforesaid, recorded with the records of said town.

VII.

Resolve on the Petition of Archippus Morgan and others for raising a company of cavalry in second Regiment, first Brigade, 4th division. June 18, 1806.

On the petition of Archippus Morgan and others praying for liberty to raise by voluntary enlistment a company of cavalry within the second regiment, first brigade and fourth division of the militia of this Commonwealth.

Resolved, that his Excellency the Governor, with the advice and consent of Council, be, and he is hereby authorized and empowered to raise by voluntary enlistment a company of cavalry within said second regiment, first brigade, and fourth division of the militia of this Commonwealth; provided the standing companies in said regiment, are not thereby reduced below the number prescribed by law—said company when raised to be attached to the batallion of cavalry in said first brigade and fourth division, and subject to all such rules and regulations, as are, or may be provided by law, for governing the militia of this commonwealth.

VIII.

Resolve granting a tax to the county of Plymouth. June 18, 1806.

WHEREAS the Treasurer of the county of *Plymouth*, has laid his accounts before the General Court in manner prescribed by law, which accounts are hereby allowed; and the clerk of the Court of General Sessions of the peace for said county of *Plymouth*, having laid before the General Court an estimate, made by the said Court of General Sessions of the peace, for the said county, of the debts due from, and the necessary charges likely to arise within the said county the present year, amounting to eighteen hundred dollars.

Resolved, That the sum of *eighteen hundred dollars*, be, and hereby is granted as a tax for said county of *Plymouth*, to be apportioned, assessed, collected and applied for the purposes aforesaid, in manner as the law directs.

IX.

Resolve on the Petition of Thaddeus Thompson. June 18, 1806.

On the petition of Thaddeus Thompson ; stating that Jonathan Smith and Nathaniel Kingsley, Esqrs. agents of the Commonwealth, for the purpose of making sale of confiscated estates in the county of *Berkshire*, in their said capacity of agents, as aforesaid, for a valuable consideration, conveyed to him, the said Thaddeus, in fee simple, with the usual covenants of warranty, a certain tract of land lying in *Lenox* in said county of *Berkshire*, containing fifty acres, more or less, particularly described in the said deed of said Jonathan and Nathaniel, to said Thaddeus, as an estate by law confiscated in said county of Berkshire; and that Mary Dickinson, widow of the late Elizur Dickinson of Stockbridge in said county, has commenced her action, to recover her dower in the premises, claiming the same by virtue of the seisin of the said Elizur in his life time during her coverture of said Elizur; and that she is legally entitled thereto.

Resolved, the facts above stated appearing to be true, that William Walker of *Lenox* aforesaid, Esquire, be authorized to settle the claim of said Mary, aforesaid, and procure an acquitance of her right in the premises, to said Thaddeus Thompson on such terms, as to him the said William, shall seem just and right; and make report of his doing thereon, at the next session of the Legislature.

Χ.

Resolve granting three hundred and fifty dollars to Jacob Kuhn in addition to his pay as Messenger of the General Court. June 19, 1806.

Resolved, That there be allowed and paid out of the public Treasury to Jacob Kuhn, three hundred and fifty dollars, for the present year, commencing the thirtieth day of May last, to be in addition to the sum of four hundred dollars allowed him by a resolve of March the twenty sixth, 1793, establishing the pay of the messenger of the General Court, and also the further sum of fifty dollars, in consideration of his present sickness.

XI.

Resolve on the Petition of Nathaniel Ely, Esquire, and others, granting eight hundred dollars for support, &c. of two Indian boys. June 19, 1806.

On the petition of Nathaniel Ely, Esquire and others, praying for the aid of the Legislature, in the support and education of two Indian boys, from Canada, descendants of the late Rev. В

John Williams, formerly minister of *Deerfield*; and that they may be reimbursed the sums already expended in their support and education.

Resolved, That there be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of this Commonwealth, to said Nathaniel Ely, for the purposes aforesaid, the sum of eight hundred dollars; which sum, in addition to the sum of three hundred dollars granted to said Nathaniel, by a resolve of the General Court, on the fourth day of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and four, is to be in full for supporting, cloathing, and educating said Indian boys, and all expences relating thereto, np to the first day of June current.

XII.

Resolve for printing the laws, &c. of this Commonwealth. June 19, 1806.

Resolved. That the honorable John Davis and Joseph Story Esquires be a committee on behalf of this Commonwealth to contract with some person or persons for printing for the use of the Commonwealth, twelve hundred copies of the public acts, and such private acts of this Commonweath, as they may deem proper not already published in the late edition of private acts passed since the fifteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred, and before the fourteenth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and five ; and also all such Resolves of the several provincial Congresses of the late colony of the Massachusetts Bay, as are of a general nature, and which are declared to have the force of laws by an act of the Great and General Court or Assembly of the Colony of Massachusetts Bay, in New-England, holden at Watertown, on the nineteenth day of July, one thousand seven hundred and seventyfive, the Records of which remain in the Secretary's office; and also, that the committee aforesaid be authorized in like manner to contract for the printing of twelve hundred copies of so much of the Records of the General Court, or Governor, and Company of the Colony of *Massachusetts Bay*, as relate to the history, settlement, laws, and jurisprudence of the Country, for the Commonwealth aforesaid, which part of said Records the Secretary of the Commonwealth was directed, by a Resolve passed the eleventh day of *March* last to transcribe into one volume.

Resolved also, that said committee be authorized in like manner to transcribe or cause to be transcribed, from the records and transactions of the Governor and assistants of the old colony of *Plymouth*, such part as they may deem proper, and relative to the history, settlement, laws, and jurisprudence of said colony, to be printed printed as aforesaid, and that the aforesaid acts, and records be printed and bound in a volume, or volumes which shall conform in size with those published pursuant to a resolve of the General Court, passed the twenty-eighth day of February, one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine, with proper indexes and marginal references.

And be it further resolved, that the second section of the resolve which passed the eleventh of *March*, eighteen hundred and five directing the publication of a third volume of the General Laws, be and hereby is repealed.

XII.

Resolve on the Petition of Ammi R. Mitchell. June 19, 1806.

Whereas Ammi R. Mitchell of North Yarmouth, in the county of Cumberland, Esq. has set forth in his petition, that he was duly appointed Guardian to one Thomas Chandler Russell, a distracted person, now deceased, and that in the said Russell's life time he obtained licence from the Supreme Judicial Court of said Commonwealth to sell and pass Deeds of so much of said Russell's real estate as would amount to the sum of three hundred dollars for the payment of his just debts and charges of sale—and that in pursuance of said licence, after taking the oath and giving notice as the law directs he sold at public auction the following pieces of real estate : viz. One quarter of an acre of land situate in said North Yarmouth, four rods in front, and ten rods back contiguous to land of Amasa Baker, to one Joel Haven of the same North Yarmouth blacksmith,

Also one other quarter of an acre, four rods in front and ten rods back being the same on which stand Buildings belonging to the late John Russell deceased, to one Jeremiah Stubbs of the same North Yarmouth, Yeoman.

That after the said sale and before the deeds were passed, the said Thomas Chandler Russell died : Therefore,

Resolved, That the said Amni R. Mitchell, upon receipts of the consideration money, be and he hereby is authorized, in his said capacity, to make, execute and deliver proper and sufficient deed or deeds of the said pieces of land to said purchasers, which shall be as valid as if made in the said Thomas Chandler Russell's life time : The said Mitchell to be accountable on his bond already given to the Judge of Probate.

VIII.

Resolve granting a Tax to the county of Bristol. June 20, 1806.

Whereas the Treasurer of the county of *Bristol*, has laid his accounts before the General Court, for examination and allowance, which

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which accounts have been examined and allowed; and the Clerk of the Court of General Sessions of the peace for said County, has exhibited an estimate made by the Justices of said Court, of the necessary charges likely to arise within the said county, the year ensuing, and of the sums necessary to discharge the debts of said county, amounting to two thousand dollars; Therefore,

Resolved, That the sum of two thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby granted, as a tax for the said County of Bristol, to be apportioned, assessed, paid, collected, and applied for the purposes aforesaid according to Law.

XIII.

Resolve granting eleven hundred and ninety dollars and sixty four cents to Stephen Lyman, in full judgment of Circuit Court, on a bond given to John Murray, an absentee. June 21, 1806.

On the petition of Stephen Lyman, stating that he, with Jason Edward and Nathan Wright and Edward Wright, jun. March 1st, 1774, by their bond of that date, became bound to John Murray, Esq. then of Rutland, in the sum of two hundred and eighty pounds, conditioned for the payment of one hundred and forty pounds, and interest; and that said John Murray joined himself to the enemies of this Commonwealth, and was a conspirator and absentee, and that said John's estate was declared to be forfeited to the then State of Massachusetts, and that afterwards pursuant to a law of said State, the obligors in said bond paid to Thomas Ivers, Esq. treasurer of this Commonwealth, on the thirteenth day of December, 1785, two hunds ed and thirty eight pounds fourteen shillings, in full of the principal and interest due on said bond, and that Daniel Murray; Administrator on said John's estate, sued the said Stephen in the Circuit Court on said bond, and that he petitioned the General Court to interfere and defend said suit, and said General Court declined to interfere therewith; and that afterwards at the Circuit Court holden at Boston, in the district of Massachusetts, on the first day of June instant, judgment was rendered on said bond, after a full defence on his part, for nine hundred and thirty-three dollars, thirty-three cents debt and costs, taxed at one hundred and two dollars thirtyone cents, and that he has expended great sums in defending him. self against said suit; and the same statement appearing to be true:

Resolved therefore, that there be and hereby is, granted to the said Stephen the sum of one thousand and thirty-five dollars and sixty-four cents, in full of said judgment on the bond aforesaid, and also a further sum of one hundred and fifty-five dollars for costs costs by said Stephen incurred in defending himself against said suit, and that his Excellency the Governor be requested to draw his warrant on the treasurer for said sums.

XIV.

Resolve on the petition of Hugh Mc Curley, directing the Sheriff of Suffolk to discharge him from prison. June 21, 1806.

On the petition of Hugh Mc Curley, shewing that he has been confined in the gaol in the county of Suffolk since the fifth day of *April* last, by virtue of two executions in favor of the Commonwealth, amounting to one hundred and forty-four dollars and fifty-five cents, and that he is wholly unable to pay any part of said sum, or to support himself in prison, and it appearing by the certificate of the Gaol keeper, that he is now sick :

Resolved, That the whole of the aforesaid sums amounting to one hundred and forty-four dollars and fifty-five cents, due by wirtue of the two executions aforesaid, be, and hereby are remitted to him the said Hugh Mc Curley, and that the Sheriff of the County of Suffolk be, and he hereby is directed to discharge said Hugh Mc Curley from prison.

XV.

Resolve on petition of John Bosson, appointing a Committee to extinguish James Martin's claim. June 21, 1806.

Upon the petition and representation of John Bosson, setting forth that certain real Estate situated in Boston, in the county of Suffolk, which, in the year seventeen hundred and eighty-two, October the thirteenth, he purchased of Richard Cranch, Samuel Henshaw and Samuel Barrett, agents for this Commonwealth, the same real Estate having been considered as confiscated property of William Martin and Ann his wife, and that the said Commonwealth had a legal right to sell and convey the same, and said Commonwealth by their aforesaid agents did sell and convey the same to said Bosson, and by their deed of warranty, covenant with said Bosson to defend the same title to said real estate to said Bosson, his heirs and assigns; and whereas it appears, that said estate was never legally confiscated, and said Commonwealth never had any right to convey said estate, and James Martin, son and heir of said William and Ann Martin, has recovered judgment for possession of said real estate, against said Bosson, in the Circuit Court of the United States.

Resolved, That Perez Morton, William Brown and Thomas Harris, Esquires, be commissioners on the part of this Commonwealth, to settle with said John Bosson, and to extinguish any claim

claim which said James Martin may have to said estate, or any claim which said John Bosson, his heirs and assigns may have on this Commonwealth, on account of said sale or transfer of said real estate to said John Bosson, by said Cranch, Henshaw and Barrett, or by this Commonwealth, provided the same can be done on such terms as the said commissioners may deem just and reasonable, and whenever said commissioners shall produce to the Attorney General or Solicitor General of this Commonwealth, such discharges and acquittances as in the opinion of said Attorney General or Solicitor General shall forever hereafter prevent any right of demand upon this Commonwealth for any damages, on account of said sale of said real estate, in any person or persons whomsoever, then the said Commissioners shall receive out of the Treasury of this Commonwealth, such sums of money of the unappropriated money of this Commonwealth, then in said Treasury, as may be necessary to effect the purposes of this Resolve ; and the Governor of this Commonwealth shall be authorized, by and with the advice of Council, to issue his warrant for that purpose accordingly.

XVI.

Resolve authorizing Essex Turnpike Corporation to erect a gate or half gates, when the road shall be approved. June 21, 1806.

Resolved, That whenever that part of the Essex Turnpike Road which extends from the north line of the State of Massachusetts towards the town of Boston, shall be sufficiently made, agreeably to the Acts of the General Court establishing and relating to said Turnpike, and shall be so allowed by any three Commissioners to be appointed by His Excellency the Governor of this Commonwealth for that purpose; Then the proprietors of said Turnpike shall be authorized to erect a gate or half gates, at proper distances, within said road, and to take such toll in proportion to the whole toll allowed to said Corporation, as said Commissioners shall establish conformably to the provisions of the third section of the original Act establishing said Essex Turnpike, passed on the twenty-second day of June, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and six : Provided however, that nothing herein contained shall prevent the legislature from altering or repealing any part of this Resolve.

XVII.

Resolve on the petition of Rachel Gould, rendering valid the sale of certain Estate. June 21, 1806.

On the petition of Rachel Gould, Administratrix on the Estate of George Gould, late of Dedham, in the County of Norfolk, gentleman, gentleman, deceased ; representing that she had obtained licence of the Supreme Judicial Court, at the term thereof holden at Dedham in said County of Norfolk, in September last, to sell a certain part of the real estate of said George, for payment of his debts, but had neglected to give bond previous to the sale there, of to the Judge of Probate for said county according to law.

Resolved, for reasons set forth in said petition, that the sale of said real Estate, so far only as the same is rendered invalid by reason of the said Rachel's neglecting to give bond as aforesaid, be and hereby is confirmed and rendered valid, upon condition however that the said Rachel, within three months from the date hereof, give bond with sufficient surety, or sureties, to the acceptance of the Judge of Probate for said County of Norfolk, in such sum as the said Judge shall direct, conditioned that the said Rachel has in all other regards complied with the directions of the law in that behalf, and shall duly account for the proceeds of such sales according to law.

XVIII.

Resolve granting Mary Avery, one thousand dollars. June 21, 1806.

On the petition of Mary Avery,

Resolved, for reasons set forth in said petition, and inasmuch as the late John Avery, Esq. Secretary of this Commonwealth, has had no grant or addition to his salary, for many years past, there be allowed and paid to the said Mary Avery, widow of the late John Avery, Esq. the sum of *one thousand dollars*, and his Excellency the Governor, with advice of Council, is requested to draw a warrant on the Treasury for the said sum.

XIX.

Resolve granting Six Hundred Dollars to Jacob Kuhn, for fuel, &c. June 21, 1806.

Resolved, That there be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of this Commonwealth, to Jacob Kuhn, messenger of the General Court, the sum of *six hundred dollars*, to enable him to purchase fuel, and such other articles as may be necessary for the use of said Court; he to be accountable for the expenditure of the same.

Resolve on the petition of James and SophiaPrentiss. June 21, 1806.

On petition of James Prentiss and Sophia, wife of said James, and administratrix on the estate of her late husband Leonard Mellen, deceased. deceased, setting forth that said Mellen was interested with others therein mentioned, in a certain township of Land, being No. 4, in the fifth range of township lying between Kennebeck and Penobscot rivers, and that certain settlers thereon, are equitably entitled to certain grants out of the same is being and add

Resolved, That for the reasons set forth in said petition, and for quieting said settlers, said petitioners as representatives of the estate of said Mellen, be and are hereby empowered to join with said other proprietors of said township, in a grant to certain of said settlers, of a portion of said land not exceeding six hundred acres, for a full and adequate price to be paid therefor, and to give a good and valid deed thereof; and that the proceeds of said sale be applied to the use and benefit of the estate and effects of said Mellen, and those interested therein, and be accounted for, by said petitioners, in the same way and manner as the personal estate of said Mellen ought by law to be accounted for.

XXI.

Resolve authorizing: John Leverett, of Vermont, to sell land in Boston, belonging to minors. June 23, 1806.

On the petition of John Leverett, Esq. of Windsor, in the county of Windsor and state of Vermont, parent and guardian of John Leverett the 3d, Thomas Leverett and Hannah Leverett, children and minors of him the said John, praying that he the said John may be licensed to sell the real estate of said minors, situated in the town of Boston, in the county of Suffolk, bounded as in said petition is at large set forth.

Resolved for reasons set forth in said petition, that said John Leverett, parent and guardian aforesaid, be and hereby is authorized to sell said estate at private sale, for the most the same will bring, and to make and execute a good and sufficient deed or deeds of the same, he the said John first giving bonds with sufficient surety or sureties, to the Judge of Probate for the County of Suffolk, in such sum as said Judge shall direct, conditioned that he will act faithfully and impartially in all things touching the same, and will account for the proceeds of the sale thereof as the law in such cases provides.

XXII.

Resolve authorizing William Saville to convey certain land to Benjamin K. Hough. June 23, 1806.

On the petition of William Saville, administrator of Estate of James Saville, late of Boston, in the county of Suffolk, merchant, deceased, praying for authority to convey to Benjamin K. Hough, the the moiety of certain land according to the promise of said deceased in writing, he having received the full consideration therefor ;

Resolved, That the prayer thereof be granted, and that said administrator be and he is hereby authorized to convey to said Benjamin K. Hough, and his heirs, the said moiety of land, described in said petition and in the deed therein referred to: said deed made on the seventh day of September, eighteen hundred and three, and duly recorded in the registry of deeds in the County of Essex, by Daniel Epes Procter, to James Saville, in like manner as said deceased could have done if living.

XXIII.

Resolve granting a Tax to the County of Middlesex. June 23, 1806.

Whereas the Treasurer of the County of Middlesex, has laid his accounts before the General Court for examination, in the manner prescribed by law, which accounts have been examined and allowed; and whereas the Clerk of the Court of General Sessions of the Peace, for the said County of Middlesex has exhibited an estimate made by the said Court, of the necessary charges which may probably arise within the said county of Middlesex, for the year ensuing, amounting to five thousand five hundred dollars :

Resolved, That the sum of five thousand five hundred dollars, be and hereby is granted, as a tax for the said county of Middlesex, for the ensuing year, to be apportioned, assessed, paid, collected, and applied for the purposes aforesaid, according to law.

XXIV:

Resolve authorizing Henry Hunter to sell land of Charles Porter, in Newton. June 23, 1806.

On the petition of Henry Hunter, administrator of the estate of Charles Porter, late of Boston in the county of Suffolk, trader, deceased, praying for authority, to convey to William Hoogs a house and land in Newton according to the promise of said deceased in writing.

Resolved, That the prayer thereof be granted and that said administrator be, and he is hereby authorized to convey to said Hoogs and his heirs by deed of quit claim all the title and estate of which said Charles died seized in, and to the house and land described in said petition and in the conveyances therein referred to. Viz. a tract of land lying in said Newton, containing one acre, bounded northerly in the county of Middlesex on the county road; casterly by land land of Silas and Seth Ross, southerly on Charles River, and westerly, on land lately owned by Stephen Crane : together with the buildings thereon.

XXV.

Resolve on the Attorney General's account for paying a balance of twenty-four dollars eleven cents, and advanciug him two hundred and forty dollars to prosecute civil suits. June 23, 1806.

Resolved, That there be paid out of the Treasury of this Commonwealth, to the Honorable James Sullivan, Esquire, the sum of twenty-four dollars and eleven cents, in full of the balance of his account, exhibited to this date; and that there be paid to him, out of the said Treasury, the further sum of two hundred and forty dollars, to be accounted for by him in the prosecution of civil suits.

XXVI.

Resolve establishing the pay of the Clerks in the Secretary's office. June 23, 1806.

Resolved, That there be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of this Commonwealth, to the first Clerk in the Secretary's office, three dollars and eighty-four cents per day, to the other two Clerks in the said office, three dollars per day, each, during the time they have been, or may be, employed in said service, from the first day of June instant, until the first day of June. eighteen hundred and seven.

XXVII.

Resolve establishing the pay of the Clerks in the Treasurer's Office. June 23, 1806.

Resolved, That there be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of this Commonwealth, to the respective Clerks employed in said Office for the time being, three dollars and eighty-four cents for each day they may be employed in said office, from the first day of June instant, to the first day of June, one thousand eight hundred and seven.

XXVIII.

Resolve requesting the Governor to cause to be erected a sea wall, and a well to be dug at the State Prison, if necessary. June 23, 1806.

Resolved, That his Excellency the Governor, by and with the advice of Council, be and hereby is requested, if upon examination it should appear to be expedient, to order a Sea Wall to be erected

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ed upon the land appurtenant to the State Prison in Charlestown, of such materials and dimensions as the public interest may require; and also to order a suitable Well to be dug in the yard of said Prison; and to issue his warrants on the Treasury for the sums necessary to defray the expense of the same.

XXIX.

Resolve on the Petition of Leonard Jarvis. June 23, 1806.

Upon the petition of Leonard Jarvis, stating that he is indebted to this Commonwealth a sum of money, for which judgment and execution have been obtained against him, and that if the execution be served on his body it will be extremely injurious to himself and family, and of no advantage to this Commonwealth, and that certain lands situated in the towns of Penobscot, Surry and Elsworth are mortgaged to the Commonwealth to secure the payment of said debt, which said lands might be sold by said Jarvis greatly to his advantage, and in a manner to insure to the Commonwealth the speedy payment of the debt aforesaid, with interest thereon; wherefore the said Jarvis prays that the said execution may be staid, and the Treasurer be authorized to relinquish to the purchasers of said lands the claim of the Commonwealth upon the payment of an adequate consideration into the Treasury;

It is hereby resolved, That the Treasurer of this Commonwealth be hereby authorized and directed to suspend, for the term of three years from the passing of this Resolve, the service of any execution which the Commonwealth has, or is entitled to, on account of the debt aforesaid.

Be it further resolved, That upon the sale of any part or parcel of the land mortgaged to the Commonwealth, as above mentioned by the said Leonard Jarvis, and upon the payment into the Treasury by said Jarvis or his grantee of the amount of the land so sold by said Jarvis, it shall be lawful for the Treasurer, and he is hereby authorized and empowered, to relinquish to said Jarvis or his grantee, any parcel or parcels of land for which the amount of the sales and interest thereon has been so paid into the Treasury : *Provided*, that all such sales shall be approbated by Mason Shaw, Esq. Sheriff of the County of Hancock ; and the said Jarvis or his grantee shall produce and deliver to the Treasurer a Certificate of such approbation.

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Resolve for the pay of the Clerks of the Senate and House. June 23, 1806.

Resolved, That there be allowed and paid out of the public Treasury to John D. Dunbar, Esq. Clerk of the Senate, and to Charles P. Sumner, Esq. Clerk of the House of Representatives, one hundred and fifty dollars each, in full for their services aforesaid the present Session; and to George E. Vaughan, Esq. Assistant Clerk of the Senate, one hundred dollars, and to Thomas Walcutt, Assistant Clerk of the House of Representatives, one hundred dollars, in full for their services respectively, the present session of the General Court.

XXXI.

Resolve authorizing the Secretary and Treasurer to lease the Province House. June 23, 1806.

Resolved, That the Secretary and Treasurer of this Commonwealth be, and they are hereby authorized and directed, to lease out the Province House, and its appurtenances, for the term of one year, in such way and manner, as in their wisdom and discretion shall best subserve the interest of said Commonwealth.

XXXII.

Resolve directing Edward McLane, to pay the fees he has received during Secretary Avery's sickness, into the public Treasury. June 24, 1806.

Whereas it is represented to this Court, that the sum of ninetyfive dollars and eighty-five cents have been paid into the office of the Secretary of this Commonwealth, since the sickness of John Avery, Esq. which sum is in the hands of Edward McLane, one of the Clerks in said office; Therefore

Resolved, That the said Edward McLane be, and hereby is authorized and directed, to pay over the aforesaid sum to the Treasurer of the Commonwealth, and his receipt shall be a sufficient discharge therefor.

XXXIII.

Resolve granting twenty-five dollars to Daniel Cowing, for extra service. June 24, 1806.

Resolved, That there be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of this Commonwealth, the sum of twenty-five dollars to Daniel Cowing, for extra services in his attendance on the General Court Court the present session, during the sickness of the messenger, and that his Excellency the Governor be requested to grant a warrant on the Treasury accordingly.

XXXIV.

Resolve granting to Edward McLane One hundred and fifty dollars. June 24, 1806.

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars be paid to Edward McLane, who, during the sickness of the late Secretary of this Commonwealth, discharged the duties of his department, as a consideration in full for said McLane's services, which sum shall be in addition to his usual allowance as Clerk in said office, and that his Excellency the Governor be authorized to issue his warrant on the Treasury for that sum in favor of said McLane.

XXXV.

Resolve directing the Committee on Eastern Lands to ascertain Possessors of Land on Mount Desert, on the 23d of June, 1805. June 24, 1806.

Whereas by a Resolve, passed the Legislature of this Commonwealth June 23d, in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and eighty-five, it was resolved that one moiety or half part of the Island of Mount Desert, in quantity and quality, should be granted, and from the passing of said resolve should enure to John Bernard, his heirs and assigns forever, to hold in fee simple: *Provided always*, that the said John should convey to each person at that time in possession of Lands, which might by a division of the aforesaid Island, be assigned to said John such quantity thereof and upon such terms, as the Committee appointed by a resolve of the General Court, passed October 28th, 1783, should direct, within eighteen months from the passing of said resolve : and whereas the aforesaid Committee did not at any time direct the quantity and terms upon which the said land should be conveyed to the said persons :

Therefore resolved, that the Committee for the sale of Eastern Lands be, and they hereby are authorized, to ascertain the persons who on the said twenty-third of June, in the year 1785, were in possession of any lands on said Island of Mount Desert, and to direct and designate the quantity of land to which such persons, their heirs or assigns, as were at that time in possession, shall be entitled, and the terms on which they shall be quieted in their possessions, according to the intent of said recited resolve; and the doings of the said Committee on Eastern lands, shall

shall be valid to all intents and purposes, with respect to the premises, as if the same had been done by the Committee appointed by said recited resolve; and upon compliance with the terms which may be prescribed by said Committee on Eastern lands within twelve months from this date, the said settlers, their heirs and assigns shall be entitled to their conveyances from said John Bernard, his heirs or assigns.

XXXVI.

Resolve appointing a Committee to procure additions to the Library of the House of Representatives, and appropriating three hundred dollars. June 24, 1806.

Resolved, That there be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of this Commonwealth, the sum of three hundred dollars, for the purpose of making additions to the Library of the House of Representatives, to Perez Morton, Joseph Story and Benjamin Whitman, who shall be a committee to receive the said money, and who shall superintend the selection of the books for this purpose, and account therefor to the House of Representatives.

XXXVII.

Resolve for paying the Committee on Accounts. June 24, 1806.

Resolved, That there be allowed and paid out of the public Treasury, to the Committee appointed to examine and pass on Accounts presented against the Commonwealth, for their attendance on that service, during the present Session, the sums annexed to their names, respectively, in addition to their pay as members of the Legislature, viz.

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| Hon. John Farley, Esq. | thirteen days, 13 dollars. | |
| To William Young, Esq. | thirteen days, 13 dollars. | |
| David Perry, jun. Esq. | thirteen days, 13 dollars. | |
| Joseph Titcomb, Esq. | thirteen days, 13 dollars. | |
| which sums shall be in full for their s | | |
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Resolve granting to the Secretary and Treasurer eight hundred dollars each, in part of the Salaries that may be established for them. June 24, 1806.

Resolved, That there be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of this Commonwealth, to the Secretary and Treasurer, eight hundred dollars each, to be accounted for by them towards the sum that shall be granted them for their salaries the present year; and his Excellency the Governor is authorized, by and with the advice of the Council, to draw his warrant on the Treasury therefor.

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Roll No. 55. June 1806.

THE Committee on accounts, having examined the several accounts they now present,

REPORT, That there are due to the corporations and persons hereafter mentioned, the sums set to their names respectively, which, when allowed and paid, will be in full discharge of the said accounts to the several dates therein mentioned.

Which is respectfully submitted,

THOMAS HALE, per order.

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