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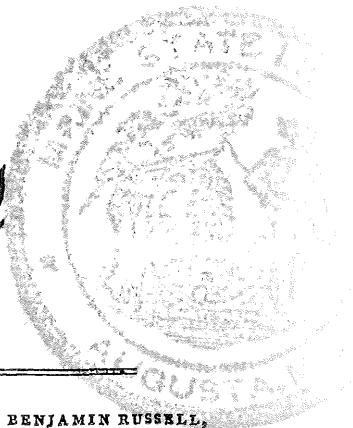
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**RESOLVES**  
OF THE  
**GENERAL COURT**  
OF THE  
**Commonwealth of Massachusetts.**  
**PASSED AT THEIR SESSION,**  
WHICH COMMENCED ON WEDNESDAY THE 5th DAY OF OCTOBER, 1814,  
AND ALSO AT THEIR SESSION, WHICH COMMENCED ON  
WEDNESDAY, THE 18th OF JANUARY, 1815.

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# RESOLVES

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THE FIRST DAY OF MARCH, A. D. 1815.

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## GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

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REPRESENTATIVES' CHAMBER, JAN. 18th, 1815.

*At 12 o'clock, the Secretary of the Commonwealth went down from the Council Chamber to the Senate, and to the Representatives' Chamber, with the following Message from his Excellency the Governor :—*

## MESSAGE :

*Gentlemen of the Senate, and*

*Gentlemen of the House of Representatives,*

IN compliance with the request of the members from this Commonwealth, of the Convention of Delegates from the New-England States which lately met at Hartford, I have directed the Secretary to communicate to the Legislature, their report, which was transmitted to me for that purpose, and which appears to have been the result of moderation and firmness.

Immediately after your late adjournment, five persons were appointed to constitute a Board of War, agreeably to the act of the 20th of October last. A copy of the instructions given

them, and an abstract of all the accounts by them allowed and paid prior to the 14th day of this month, together with such proceedings of the late Commissioners for the protection of the sea-coast, as have not before been communicated, will be laid before you. From these documents, I think the Legislature will be satisfied, that the Board of War, and the Commissioners for sea-coast defence, have discharged the duties assigned them, with fidelity, and with much advantage to the public.

The Secretary will also deliver to you returns from the Quarter-Master General, of the ordinance, and military stores, and of the tents, intrenching tools, &c. the property of this Commonwealth, stating the quantity, quality and places of deposit, and also a return of the quantity of military stores, and munitions of war, that have been delivered to sundry towns for their defence, by order of the Commissioners for the protection of the sea-coast. These returns will enable the two houses to judge, whether the State is deficient in any of the articles, that will be essential for the general defence, in case of extremity.

In erecting fortifications in this town and its vicinity, and in other exposed places on the coast, the inhabitants of many of the neighbouring towns have laboured cheerfully and without recompense on the works that were deemed necessary for defence ;—the patriotism, manifested in these voluntary services, merits the public approbation and gratitude.

By the resolve of the 11th of October last, the Treasurer was authorized to require of the Banks within the State, according to the provisions of the several acts of incorporation, and upon such terms as are therein specified, the loan of such sums, not exceeding one million of dollars, as might be necessary to accomplish the purposes of the resolve of the 14th of June. At that time it was supposed there would be no difficulty in procuring the requisite sums from that source ; and the Treasurer soon obtained loans to a considerable amount. But the Directors of some of the Banks declared themselves unable to lend, and others have expressed such reluctance, as forbids an expectation that the whole amount can be obtained in that way during the continuance of the present cautious operations of the Banks. Besides, the sums to be provided for the payment of interest on the money borrowed, and for the ordinary expenses of government, will be greater than usual, from the failure of the United States

to pay the interest on their stock, and the increased difficulty of collecting taxes. These circumstances show the necessity of speedily providing means for meeting the expenditures, which the public exigencies may require. Indeed, the efforts of defensive preparation, which were made in this State the last year, will, if continued at the expense of the Commonwealth, be fatal to our finances ; and will render it necessary to impose hereafter such burdensome taxes, as must be extremely injurious to the manufactures and agriculture of the State ; nor will all the resources, which remain to us, be sufficient, for any length of time, to furnish the requisite supplies.

The attention of the Executive was early directed to the provisions of the act of the 20th of October, to establish a military corps for the defence of the Commonwealth. But as the act was passed at the close of the session, some delay was necessary to obtain information concerning the persons proper to be selected in the various parts of the State, for the offices contemplated in the act. When the Council again met, it was thought expedient, from the changes in the aspect of our affairs, to incur no immediate additional expense. The Council therefore advised, that commissions should not be issued, until the General Court would have an opportunity of varying, if they thought proper, their measures of defence, according to the change of circumstances.

On the 8th of December, I received a letter from the Secretary of War, stating, that the President had authorized General Dearborn to take measures for the purpose of expelling the enemy from the District of Maine, and suggesting that any aid which I might be able to afford in providing the funds necessary for the execution of the enterprise, would be gladly received. In my answer, I informed him, that the Legislature had authorized me to borrow a sum not exceeding one million of dollars, to be applied for the pay and support of the militia who had been called into service—that it would be difficult to borrow a sufficient sum for those purposes ; and that I had no authority, even if the money could be obtained, to borrow for any other ; and therefore it was not in my power to make any advances for the objects mentioned in his letter. A copy of the letter, and of my answer to it, will be laid before you.

We have heard it observed, that the State legislatures have no right to express their opinion concerning the meas-

ures of the national government. This doctrine is repugnant to the first principles of liberty, and the remark could not have been made by any one, who had well considered the organization of our governments, or the arguments used by the advocates of the national constitution, when that system was adopted. The government of the United States is founded on the State governments and must be supported by them: the legislatures of the several states either elect the members of the executive and legislative branches of the national government, or prescribe the manner of their election. It would then be strange indeed, if they were denied a right, which the meanest citizen of every free state enjoys. In the arrangement of the different powers, the state governments are, to many purposes, interposed between the government of the United States and the people. If the latter think themselves oppressed, they will complain to their immediate representatives; and the remonstrance of a State legislature, on their behalf, will not often be slighted by a wise and just administration.

The powers of the United States government are limited by the constitution, which points out the extent of those powers, and the manner in which they are to be exerted. The constitution, however, will be of little value, unless it be religiously observed. If at any time the national administration disregard its authority either by violating its express provisions or by the assumption of powers, with which it has not entrusted them, their commands become unjust, and they are guilty of a dangerous abuse of confidence. But on subjects of this kind, every private man is not a competent judge. The State legislatures are the guardians, not only of the individual citizens, but of the sovereignty of their respective states; and while they are bound to support the general government, in the exercise of its constitutional powers, it is their duty to protect the rights of the states and of their constituents, and to guard the constitution itself, as well against silent and slow attacks, as more open and daring violations. The security, thus afforded to the people, would be lost, if the State legislatures should be implicitly devoted to the views of the national government, or were deprived of their right to enquire into its measures.

In all free states, the people have, at some periods, been hurried into rash and dangerous excesses, to oppose either real or imaginary grievances. An individual, who is under

the influence of passion or prejudice, will be likely to form erroneous opinions and pursue indiscreet measures: and yet, in the highest paroxysms of anger, he is checked by a sense of responsibility. But when the passions of a multitude are inflamed, they have little restraint of this kind, and will be in danger of proceeding to excesses, of which as individuals they would be incapable. In this manner the abuse of liberty has often terminated in the loss of it.

To prevent such fatal excesses, whenever the conduct of the general government or its officers is thought to be unconstitutional or oppressive, and no remedy can be obtained in the ordinary course of justice, the people of the state have a right to apply to their legislature for assistance in obtaining redress. Their petitions, I presume, will be attended to, though not with a disposition to impute improper motives to the agents of the national government, or to condemn their conduct, upon slight grounds, or frivolous pretences. If the members of the legislature are convinced that the complaint is well founded, they will employ the most prudent and effectual means for redress. This course was thought to be regular, when the constitution was adopted; and it seems to be the most efficacious, as well for the relief of oppressed individuals, and the preservation of the rights of the state, as for the maintenance of order, and the support of a just administration of government. I hope, therefore, that the people of this Commonwealth, however they may, at any time, think themselves injured by the national agents, will not resort to unauthorized and intemperate measures, which may prove extremely hurtful to themselves and the public, but cannot be advantageous to either.

Before war was declared, when we saw the tendency of the national measures, we expressed our most ardent desires that hostilities might be avoided. We could hardly conceive it possible, that under the pretence of guarding our commerce, we should adopt a course, by which it must be annihilated; or that, to protect our seamen, we should engage in a war, that would lead to their destruction. We knew that, whenever the war between France and England should terminate, the evils we complained of would cease; and that our commerce, if unobstructed by internal restraints, would be more profitable during the war in Europe, than after peace should be established. If, in the arduous conflict between Great Britain and France and their respective allies,



the combatants did not always suspend their blows when we happened to go within reach of them, yet we could see no reason for our interference in the quarrel. But the government became impatient, and though there was apparently some embarrassment in deciding which of the belligerents should be attacked, and whether it would not be expedient to attack both at once, it was soon determined to select that people for our enemies, with whom we were most nearly connected, whose commerce was most important to us, and who were able to do us the most mischief.

Soon after the declaration of war, we learned that the orders in council were repealed. With a view to open the way to peace, the British government proposed an unconditional armistice, to which our administration refused to agree. The rejection of this proposal appeared to us an extremely unfortunate event, as a compliance with it might have saved the honor of the government, and extinguished the war before it was kindled to a flame. It was also unfortunate, as together with other circumstances, it served to convince the British nation, that the war was waged, not for the protection of our maritime rights, but for other purposes, and particularly to obtain possession of the Indian country, and to conquer the adjoining provinces of Great Britain.

These apprehensions have been manifested by the British Commissioners in the negotiations for peace. The terms first proposed by Great Britain, undoubtedly implied a want of confidence in our pacific views, both with regard to themselves and the Indians. But the British ministers knew that the same men who commenced the war, still administered our government; they might, therefore, be more apprehensive, that former measures would be repeated. Should the conditions of peace, to which we may find it convenient ultimately to agree, be not the most favourable, the fault will not consist in making peace, but in having made war. This fault will not be diminished by postponing a reconciliation to a distant period; neither the political character, nor the moral stain of an unnecessary war can be effaced, though the war should be continued many years.

We still flatter ourselves that there will soon be a favourable issue to the negotiations in Europe. But so long as hostilities are continued, and we are left to defend, by our own exertions, our extended maritime frontier, the duties of

the Legislature of this State must be arduous. I hope, that, under the influence of that wisdom which is from above, the measures you adopt will be suited to promote order and tranquillity in the State ; to protect, as far as we are able, our exposed towns on the sea-coast ; and to preserve, unimpaired, the constitutional privileges to which we are entitled.

## CALEB STRONG.

*Council Chamber, January 18, 1815.*

# RESOLVES

*Passed the Session commencing January 18th, 1815.*

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## CHAP. CV.

*Resolve granting lands to Thomas Johnson and others.  
24th January, 1815.*

On the petition of Thomas Johnson, Peleg Chandler, jun. Jacob Davis, Hannah Moore, William C. Whitney, Nathan Woodbury, Stephen Phelps, Henry Jackson, John Cousins, Levi Bartlett, Zebedee Cushman, Davis Woodward, Samuel Brown, George Denning and Biel L. Rollins, setting forth, that they are the heirs, or assigns of John Brown, the original owner of lands at Pemaquid, called the Brown claim, and which the said John Brown purchased of certain Indian chiefs, in the year 1625, then claimed by said Indians ; and that the aforesaid petitioners have lost their title to their proportion of said lands, by releasing the same to this Commonwealth, at the time the Commissioners met to determine the claims of certain persons claiming lands in the towns of Bristol, Edgecomb, New Castle, Nobleborough, Waldoborough, Jefferson, and Boothbay ; and the said Commissioners having determined, that the claims of said petitioners did not come within the powers of their commission :

*Therefore resolved,* For reasons set forth in said petition, that there be granted to said petitioners, the following quantities of land, of the unappropriated lands of this Commonwealth, viz. to Thomas Johnson, Esq. two thousand acres ; to Peleg Chandler, jun. Esq. sixteen hundred acres ; to Jacob Davis, of Pownal, four hundred acres ; to Hannah Moore, sister of the said Jacob, four hundred acres ; to William C. Whit-

ney, of Hebron, six hundred acres ; to Nathan Woodbury, Stephen Phelps, and Henry Jackson, of Minot, four hundred acres each ; to John Cousins, and George Denning, of Poland, three hundred acres each ; to Levi Bartlett, of Norway, Zebedee Cushman, Davis Woodward, and Samuel Brown, of Hebron, two hundred acres each ; and to Biel L. Rollins, of Poland, four hundred acres : *Provided* they, the said grantees, their heirs, or assigns, shall locate said grants of lands, under the direction of the Agent for the sale of Eastern lands, in one body ; and if said grants of land shall be located within the townships purchased of the Indians, on the Penobscot river, the lines shall run from said river to the back line of the townships, within which said land is located ; and of sufficient width on said river, to include the eight thousand acres aforesaid, in parallel lines with the lines of such townships ; and if said grants of land shall be located on any other State's land, not appropriated, the lines shall run parallel with the lines of towns already surveyed, and not interfere with any former grant ; the said lands not to be located within the bounds of the lands contracted for by Jackson and Flint, or the township on the St. Johns and Chaudiere roads, which are appropriated to defray the expense of opening said roads, and shall return a plan of said lands, with a copy of the field book, into the Land Office, within twelve months from the passing of this resolve : *Provided also*, that the said grantees, their heirs, or assigns, shall within the term of five years from the passing of this resolve, permanently settle on said location, the following number of families, viz. the said Thomas Johnson, five families ; the said Peleg Chandler, jun. four families ; the said Jacob Davis, Hannah Moore, Nathan Woodbury, Stephen Phelps, Henry Jackson, and Biel L. Rollins, one family, each ; the said John Cousins, Levi Bartlett, Zebedee Cushman, Davis Woodward, Samuel Brown, and George Denning, three families ; and the said William C. Whitney, two families.

*Be it further resolved*, That the Agents for the sale of Eastern lands, or their successors in office, be, and hereby are authorized and empowered, whenever the said grantees, their heirs, or assigns, shall produce satisfactory evidence, that said tract has been located agreeably to the terms of this resolve ; and whenever the said grantees, their heirs, or assigns, or either of them, shall produce to said Agents, or

their successors in office, satisfactory evidence, that they have permanently settled on said tract of land, the said number of families, or any part of said number, to give to said grantees, their heirs, or assigns, or either of them, a good and sufficient deed of the whole of said grant, or a part thereof, in proportion to the number of families settled, as aforesaid, on the same : *Provided* the said number of families are settled within the term of five years, as before expressed in this resolve : *And provided also*, That if the settlers, placed on said land as aforesaid, their heirs, or assigns, shall cease to reside on, and improve their several lots of land, for the term of ten years, from the time they are so settled thereon, then the deeds of said land to be void.

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## CHAP. CVI.

*Resolve authorizing Gates Rand to sell real estate of Marshall and Fanny Adams, minors.* 26th January, 1815.

On the petition of Gates Rand, of Rindge, in the County of Cheshire, and State of New Hampshire, gentleman, who is guardian of Marshall Adams and Fanny Adams, both of said Rindge, minors, under the age of fourteen years, and children of Oliver Adams, late of said Rindge, yeoman, deceased, intestate, praying for license to make sale of certain real estate, belonging to said minors, and lying within this Commonwealth,

*Resolved*, For reasons set forth in said petition, that the said Gates Rand, guardian as aforesaid, be, and he is hereby authorized and empowered to sell and convey by deed, in fee simple, said real estate, as described in said petition ; *Provided*, That the said Gates Rand first give bond, with sufficient sureties, living within this Commonwealth, to the Judge of Probate for the County of Middlesex, conditioned that the said Gates Rand will account for the proceeds of the sale thereof, that he will well and truly observe all the rules and regulations relative to the sale aforesaid, in the same way and manner as is provided by the laws of this Commonwealth, in cases where guardians shall have been licensed by the Supreme Judicial Court, to make sale of the real

estate of their wards, for the purpose of putting out on interest the proceeds of such sales, and securing the same for their use.

## CHAP. CVII.

*Resolve approving of the proceedings of the Hartford Convention, and for appointing Commissioners to the National Government. 27th January, 1815.*

The Committee of both Houses, to whom were referred the Message of his Excellency the Governor, and the documents therewith transmitted, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report, in part:—

That the expediency of having invited a Convention of Delegates from the New England States, is fully proved by the result of their labours communicated with his Excellency's Message. In times of unprecedented embarrassment and distress, there can indeed be no better mode of discovering the means of relief, or of preparing for inevitable consequences, than to resort to the deliberate and united counsels of the wisest and most faithful men of the community;—men, who have an interest, in common with all their fellow citizens, in the subjects of their deliberation, and who will act with a firm and enlightened regard to the good of the whole, and under the highest responsibility. However sensibly such men may feel the importance of timely resisting oppression, and averting impending calamities, their counsels will be tempered by an accurate understanding of past political transactions, by a sound perception of the nature of existing sources of complaint, and by a careful enquiry as to events, which time may unfold.

The Committee entertain a high sense of the wisdom and ability, with which the Convention of Delegates have discharged their arduous trust: while they maintain the principle of State sovereignty, and of the duties which citizens owe to their respective State governments; they give the most satisfactory proofs of attachment to the Constitution of the United States and to the national union; and while, with the undaunted freedom, which they inherit from their ancestors, they express their disapprobation of the measures which have produced our public calamities, and especially

of the unnecessary and ruinous war in which we are involved, they manifest a determination, which the people will support, that our country must be defended at every hazard, against invasion and conquest. The people will thus find new reasons for approving the confidence reposed in their Delegates, in discerning, through their report, the proper course to be pursued, in their relation to the federal Constitution, in sustaining their allegiance to the State governments, and in defending themselves against the public enemy; but, above all, in the recognition of duties, which they owe to their Creator, to themselves and to posterity, and which are founded in higher authority than any earthly government can claim.

As the exposition of the views and sentiments of that Convention is clear and intelligible, the Committee deem it unnecessary to enlarge upon the considerations which entitle them to the approbation and support of the Legislature; or to repeat the arguments contained in the very able report of their proceedings, [*which is annexed to this Pamphlet, by way of appendix*] for adopting the measures by them recommended.

The Committee therefore respectfully submit the following Resolves.

D. A. WHITE, *Per Order.*

*Resolved*, That the Legislature of Massachusetts do highly approve the proceedings of the Convention of Delegates from the States of Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode-Island, and the counties of Cheshire and Grafton, in the State of New-Hampshire, and the county of Windham, in the State of Vermont, convened at Hartford, on the fifteenth day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fourteen; and that the advice and recommendation therein given, are entitled to, and shall receive, the most respectful consideration of this Legislature.

*Resolved*, That his Excellency the Governor, with advice of Council, be, and he hereby is authorized and empowered to appoint three Commissioners to proceed immediately to the seat of the national government, and in pursuance of such instructions as his Excellency and the Honorable Council may think proper to give them, to make an earnest and respectful application to the government of the United States, requesting their consent to some arrangement, whereby the State of Massachusetts, separately, or in concert with neigh-

bouring States, may be enabled to assume the defence of their territories against the enemy ; and that to this end a reasonable portion of the taxes collected within said States may be paid into the respective Treasuries thereof, and appropriated to the payment of the balance due to the said States, and to the future defence of the same : the amount, so paid into the said Treasuries, to be credited, and the disbursements, so made as aforesaid, to be charged to the United States ; and the Senators and Representatives of the Commonwealth in Congress, are hereby requested to cooperate with said Commissioners in effecting this object.

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### CHAP. CVIII.

*Resolve for establishing the pay of Members of Council, Senate and House of Representatives. 27th January, 1815.*

*Resolved,* That there be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of this Commonwealth, to each member of the Council, Senate and House of Representatives, two dollars per day, for each day's attendance the present session ; and the like sum of two dollars, for every ten mile's travel from their respective places of abode, to the place of the sitting 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, two dollars per day each, for each and every day's attendance, over and above their pay as members.

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### CHAP. CIX.

*Resolve on the petition of Isaac Miles, authorizing the Justices of the Peace for the county of Worcester, to grant him a license. 28th January, 1815.*

*Resolved,* For reasons set forth in said petition, that any two Justices of the Peace, in and for said county of Worcester, quorum Unus, be authorized to license the said Isaac Miles, as a retailer in said town of Westminster, until the next licensing term in said county, he conforming to the laws regulating retailers within this Commonwealth.



CHAP. CX.

*Resolve on the petition of Sarah Phillips, empowering the Trustee of the Grafton Indians to sell land.*

28th January, 1815.

On the petition of Sarah Phillips, one of the Grafton Indians, so called, praying that the Trustee of said Indians may be empowered to sell and convey a part of the real estate belonging to said Sarah Phillips :

*Resolved,* For reasons set forth in said petition, that Asa Goodale, Trustee of the Grafton Indians, be, and he is hereby empowered to make sale of fifteen acres of land belonging to the said Sarah Phillips, and lying in the town of Grafton, aforesaid ; and the said Asa Goodale is hereby empowered to make and execute good and sufficient conveyances of the right, which the said Sarah Phillips has in and unto the land aforesaid ; and that a small part of the proceeds of the said sale be appropriated for making some necessary repairs in the dwelling-house of the said Sarah Phillips, and the remainder to be placed on interest, to be appropriated annually for her support.

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CHAP. CXI.

*Resolve for granting the Proprietors of Saco Free Bridges, one quarter of a township of land in the District of Maine.*

28th January, 1815.

On the petition of Jeremiah Hill and others, a Committee of the Proprietors of Saco Free Bridges, praying for Legislative aid to enable them to build free bridges over the eastern and western branches of Saco river, from Saco to the shore of Indian Island, and from Indian Island to the shore of Biddeford, agreeably to their act of incorporation :

*Resolved,* For reasons set forth in said petition, that there be, and hereby is granted, (subject to the usual reservations and conditions of settlement, and upon the conditions hereinafter mentioned) to the said Proprietors, for the purposes aforesaid, one quarter part of a township of land, of the contents of six miles square, out of any of the unappropriated

lands in the District of Maine, excepting the ten townships lately purchased of the Penobscot Indians ; to be laid out under the direction of the Agents for the sale of Eastern lands, who, upon receiving a certificate from the Treasurer of this Commonwealth, that a bond has been given to him, as hereinafter mentioned, are hereby authorized and directed to make and execute a good and sufficient deed of the same to Jeremiah Hill and others, Proprietors aforesaid, in trust for the use and benefit of the members of said Corporation, and to their heirs and assigns : *Provided*, That the said members of the said Corporation, shall first give bonds to the Treasurer of said Commonwealth, in the penalty of ten thousand dollars, well and truly to perform the conditions hereafter specified in this resolve, agreeably to the true intent and meaning thereof : that is to say, that the said Proprietors shall build said bridge over said eastern and western branches of Saco river, within one year from the passing of this resolve, and that they also keep both of said bridges in good repair for and during the term of twenty years from the passage of this resolve, and that the said Proprietors, at the end of said term, shall leave both of said bridges in good repair at the disposal of the Commonwealth.

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## CHAP. CXII.

*Resolve for reviving and continuing the resolve of the 11th of October last, authorizing the Treasurer to borrow \$1,000,000. 28th January, 1815.*

Whereas a resolve passed this Legislature on the eleventh day of October last, authorizing and requiring the Treasurer of this Commonwealth to borrow from any Bank or Banks within the same, a certain sum of money, and for certain objects and purposes therein mentioned ; and whereas the period has elapsed to which the authority aforesaid was limited, without the objects and purposes for which it was given, having been accomplished :

*Therefore resolved*, That the resolve aforesaid of the eleventh day of October last be, and hereby is revived and continued in full force until the termination of the first session of the next General Court and no longer.

*Be it further resolved*, That during the period last above-

mentioned, his Excellency the Governor be, and he hereby is authorized and empowered, from time to time, to draw his warrants on the Treasurer for such sum or sums as may be expended for the objects and purposes aforesaid.

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### CHAP. CXIII.

*Resolve on the petition of Moses and Lucy Gimbee, authorizing the Trustee of the Grafton Indians, to pay them the interest arising from the amount of Cæsar Gimbee's estate.* 28th January, 1815.

On the petition of Moses Gimbee, and Lucy Gimbee, alias Lucy Hector, two of the Grafton Indians, so called, praying that the Trustee of said Indians may be authorized to pay to said Moses and Lucy, the proceeds of the estate of Cæsar Gimbee, late of said Grafton ;

*Resolved,* For reasons set forth in said petition, that Asa Goodale, Trustee of the Grafton Indians, be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay to the said Moses Gimbee and Lucy Gimbee, in equal shares, annually, the interest arising on the whole amount of the estate of the said Cæsar Gimbee, which is now in the hands of the said Trustee.

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### CHAP. CXIV.

*Resolve for advancing to the Commissioners, to repair to the General Government, \$300 each.*

30th January, 1815.

*Resolved,* That there be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of this Commonwealth, to the Commissioners, appointed by the Governor and Council, to proceed to Washington, pursuant to a resolve of the Legislature, passed the present session, the same sums for travel, and attendance, to which the Members of Congress are by law entitled.

*And be it further resolved,* That his Excellency the Governor be, and he hereby is authorized and requested to draw his warrant on the Treasurer, in favor of each of said Com-

missioners, for the sum of three hundred dollars, to be by them respectively accounted for, on a final settlement of their accounts, under said commission.

### CHAP. CXV.

*Resolve for paying the Delegates from Massachusetts, to the Convention, held at Hartford, on the 15th December, 1814. 30th January, 1815.*

*Resolved*, That there be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of this Commonwealth, to the Honorable George Cabot, the sum of two hundred and twenty-three dollars and thirty cents, being the amount, in the ratio of its population, of this Commonwealth's proportion of the charges incident to the Convention, holden at Hartford, in the State of Connecticut, on the 15th day of December last, the same having been advanced by the said Cabot.

*And be it further resolved*, That there be paid, as aforesaid, to each of the Delegates from this Commonwealth, to the Convention aforesaid, four dollars per diem, for each day's attendance, and the like sum of four dollars for every ten miles travel, from their respective places of abode, to the place of the sitting of said Convention, according to the roll annexed, viz :

	Miles.	Sum.	Days.	Sum.	Total.
Hon. George Cabot,	120,	\$48,	22,	88,	\$136.
Harrison Gray Otis,	120,	\$48,	22,	88,	\$136.
William Prescott,	120,	\$48,	22,	88,	\$136.
Timothy Bigelow,	125,	\$50,	22,	88,	\$138.
Nathan Dane,	140,	\$56,	22,	88,	\$144.
Stephen Longfellow, jun.	250,	\$100,	22,	88,	\$188.
Samuel S. Wilde,	315,	\$126,	22,	88,	\$214.
Joshua Thomas,	160,	\$64,	22,	88,	\$152.
Hodijah Baylies,	130,	\$52,	12,	48,	\$100.
Daniel Waldo,	80,	\$32,	22,	88,	\$120.
Joseph Lyman,	50,	\$20,	22,	88,	\$108.
George Bliss,	30,	\$12,	22,	88,	\$100.

CHAP. CXVI.

*Resolve granting a tax for the County of Washington.*  
30th January, 1815.

Whereas representation has been made to the Committee on County estimates, that, owing to existing circumstances, no estimates for County taxes, in the County of Washington, has been made ; and whereas great inconvenience may arise if no such tax be granted, for that County, the present year ;

*Therefore resolved,* That the sum of thirteen hundred dollars be, and it is hereby granted as a tax, for the said County, the present year, to be apportioned and assessed, paid, collected, and applied, according to law, to defray the necessary charges which may arise within said County, during the year ensuing, and for discharging the debts now due therefrom.

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CHAP. CXVII.

*Resolve on the petition of Reuel Williams, and compensation allowed him.* 31st January, 1815.

On the petition of Reuel Williams, praying to be reimbursed for expenses paid, and services rendered, for the use of the Commonwealth :

*Resolved,* For reasons set forth in said petition, that there be allowed and paid out of the public Treasury of this Commonwealth, to Reuel Williams, ninety-six dollars, in full compensation for the expenses paid, and for his services rendered, in prosecuting an action for the Commonwealth, against Arthur Lithgow, Esq. late Sheriff of the County of Kennebec.

## CHAP. CXVIII.

*Resolve on the petition of Jotham Sexton, making valid his doings in the sale of real estate. 31st January, 1815.*

On the petition of Jotham Sexton, of Monson, in the County of Hampden, yeoman, praying that the sale of the real estate of Rebecca Utley, Azel Utley, and John W. Utley, minors, and heirs of Azel Utley, late of said Monson, deceased, made by the said Jotham, on the seventh day of November, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fourteen, may be confirmed;

*Resolved,* That for reasons set forth in said petition, that the sale of said estate, as set forth in said petition be, and the same hereby is confirmed, and rendered as valid and effectual, to all intents and purposes, as though the said Jotham had taken the oath, in such cases by law required, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

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## CHAP. CXIX.

*Resolve confirming the proceedings and records of the town of Dixfield, in the County of Oxford.*  
2d February, 1815.

On the petition of the inhabitants of Dixfield, in the County of Oxford, representing that from the incorporation of said town, all its officers have been duly sworn, although in some instances, the Clerks have neglected to record at full length, the certificates of such qualifications; that in some instances, the warrants or notifications for calling town-meetings, have been incorrectly returned, and do not appear to have been recorded; and praying that the doings and proceedings of said town, and its officers, in the premises, may be confirmed, and rendered valid;

*Resolved,* For reasons set forth in said petition, that the records of the said town of Dixfield, be deemed, and taken to be as valid and effectual, to all intents and purposes, as if the same had been properly certified, and attested by the town Clerk; and that the proceedings of said town, and the doings of its officers, be ratified and confirmed, and the same

shall be deemed and taken to be as valid and effectual, in all respects, in the same manner as they would have been, if the warrants or notifications for calling town-meetings, had been legally and correctly issued, posted, returned, and recorded, and the evidence of the qualification of such officers, had been duly preserved, and regularly entered on the records of said town.

## CHAP. CXX.

*Resolve on the petition of Joshua Perry, authorizing him to execute a deed. 2d February, 1815.*

On the petition of Joshua Perry, as he is administrator de bonis non of the estate of James Lindsey, late of Pembroke, deceased :

*Resolved,* For reasons set forth in said petition, that the said Joshua Perry be, and he hereby is authorized in his said capacity, to execute a deed to Charles Josselyn, of Pembroke, of the real estate of the said James Lindsey, sold pursuant to an order of the Court of Common Pleas, of the county of Plymouth, by Elijah Perry, the former administrator, and that the same deed be, and is hereby made, as effectual to convey the estate aforesaid, as if executed by the former administrator.

## CHAP. CXXI.

*Resolve authorizing the Committee on new trials, to send for executions against Drake Mills, in the hands of the Clerk of the Judicial Court in the county of Berkshire.*

2d February, 1815.

*Resolved,* That the Committee of new trials be authorized and empowered to send for an execution of Abraham R. Lawrence, against Drake Mills, and also an execution of William Tabels, against Drake Mills, in the possession of Joseph Woodbridge, Clerk of the county of Berkshire, to be used as evidence before said Committee.

CHAP. CXXII.

*Resolve authorizing the Treasurer of the Commonwealth to dispose of the State's stock in the Union and Boston Banks.*

2d February, 1815.

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer of the Commonwealth be, and he hereby is authorized, at his discretion, either to make sale of all the Bank stock belonging to the State, in the Union and Boston Banks, on the best terms to be obtained therefor ; *Provided* the same be not sold below par, or nominal value for cash, or for the said Treasurer's certificates for the loans made by any of the banks, or in such other species of payment as the Governor and Council as hereinafter provided, may authorize and direct ; or that he may borrow a sum, not exceeding one million of dollars, from time to time, as the necessities of the Treasury may require, at an interest not exceeding six per cent per annum, and pledge the said Bank stock, or any part thereof, as security therefor ; in which case notice shall be given to the President, Directors and Company of the said Union and Boston Banks, by the said Treasurer, that they are respectively ordered and directed to purchase of the Commonwealth the amount of capital stock owned in their respective Banks, according to the respective charters of said Banks ; and in exercising his said discretion, and in arranging the terms of such sale and loan, the said Treasurer is hereby directed to govern himself by the advice of the Governor and Council of this Commonwealth.

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CHAP. CXXIII.

*Resolve authorizing the Justices for the County of Worcester, to license John Goodale, as an Inn-keeper.*

2d February, 1815.

On the petition of Asa Goodale, in behalf of John Goodale, of Millbury, in the County of Worcester, praying that the said John may be licensed to keep a tavern, or house of entertainment, in said town of Millbury :

*Resolved*, For reasons set forth in said petition, that any



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two Justices of the Peace (quorum unus) within and for the County of Worcester, be, and they hereby are authorized to license the said John Goodale to keep a tavern, in said Millbury, until the next regular license term in said County, in conformity to the law regulating inn-holders, within this Commonwealth.

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CHAP. CXXIV.

*Resolve confirming the doings of the town of Newfield.*  
3d February, 1815.

On the petition of the Selectmen and other inhabitants of the town of Newfield, in the County of York, stating, that in some instances, the officers of said town have not been legally sworn, and in others, a proper entry of the officers of said town having been sworn, has not been made in the town records, and praying that the doings of said officers may be made valid, notwithstanding said illegalities;

*Resolved*, That, for reasons set forth in said petition, the doings of the officers of the town of Newfield be, and they hereby are confirmed, and made valid, to all intents and purposes, as they would have been, if the officers of said town had at all times been legally sworn, and as if proper entries of the administration of oaths to said officers, had at all times been made in the records of said town: *Provided nevertheless*, That nothing herein contained, shall be so construed, as to affect any action now pending.

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CHAP. CXXV.

*Resolve on the petition of Daniel Fox and others, appointing Samuel Titcomb to run out land, granted to said Fox, J. Richardson, and others.* 3d February, 1815.

The Committee of both Houses, to whom was referred the petition of Daniel Fox and others, children and heirs of John Fox, late of Portland, deceased, representing that the said John Fox, on the 13th day of March, A. D. 1792, purchased of the Committee for the sale of Eastern lands, a certain tract of land, situated on Androscoggin river, adjoin-

ing the town of Jay, in the deed whereof, the said Committee in behalf of the Commonwealth, covenanted to warrant and defend said land to said John Fox, his heirs, and assigns forever; and that by running the lines of said Jay, about three hundred acres of the most valuable part of said tract, have been taken away, for which they pray that compensation may be made; and further, that a resolve, passed the Legislature of this Commonwealth, on the 21st of February, A. D. 1814, appointing and empowering Samuel Titcomb, at the expense of the Commonwealth, to return a plan of said land, granted to said John Fox, into the Land office, before the first session of the next General Court; and the said Titcomb not having been able to perform the said service, within the time therein limited, have had the same under consideration, and report the following resolve, which is submitted.

*Resolved*, That Samuel Titcomb be, and he is hereby appointed, at the expense of the Commonwealth, to run out the land granted to said Fox, and also the lines of the township granted to Josiah Richardson and others, now called Jay, so as to ascertain how far said grants interfere, and to return a plan thereof into the Land office, as soon as may be, said Titcomb to appoint his own chainmen, and all to be under oath, and to give seasonable notice to the petitioners, and also to the Selectmen of Jay.

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## CHAP. CXXVI.

*Resolve confirming the doings and records of the town of Poland.* 3d February, 1815.

On the petition of the inhabitants of the town of Poland, in the County of Cumberland, praying that the records of said town may be confirmed, and made valid in law, any informalities in the records of said town, to the contrary notwithstanding; that the Town Clerk, in the year seventeen hundred and ninety-five, recorded the notification, signed by the Constable, instead of the warrant, signed by the Selectmen, which error was several times repeated; that the votes in some legal town meetings, were recorded without being attested by the Town Clerk, and that the Selectmen have omitted putting seals to the warrants signed by them;

*Resolved,* For reasons set forth in said petition, that the records of said town of Poland, be deemed, and taken to be as valid, and effectual, to all intents and purposes, as if the same had been properly certified, and attested by the Town Clerk; and that the proceedings of said town, and the doings of its officers be ratified, and confirmed, and the same shall be deemed and taken to be as valid and effectual, in all respects, in the same manner, as they would have been, if the warrants or notifications for calling town meetings had been legally and correctly issued, posted, returned, and recorded, and the evidence of the qualifications of the officers of said town had been duly preserved, and regularly entered on the records of said town.

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## CHAP. CXXVII.

*Resolve on the petition of Ebenezer Francis and others.*  
4th February, 1815.

Whereas William Powell, late of Boston, in the County of Suffolk, deceased, by his deed, bearing date the eighteenth day of January, A. D. seventeen hundred and ninety-four, granted and conveyed certain real estate in said Boston, being a certain wharf, land, and flats, now known as the Island wharf, and appurtenances, to Giles Alexander, jun. and others, which grantees, their heirs, and assigns, then took, and have ever since held the same in trust, for the benefit of the proprietors of the Boston Pier, or Long wharf, who have since sold the same to Ebenezer Francis, of said Boston, merchant, proprietor of the wharf and appurtenances, formerly of the Broad-street association, in the town of Boston; and certain parts of the said real estate being so holden, that the legal estate therein cannot be transferred to said Francis, as the justice of the case requires: Therefore, on the petition of the said Francis, of the proprietors of the Boston Pier, or Long wharf, and of Isaac Winslow, and others, guardians of certain persons, in said petition named;

*Resolved,* That Isaac Winslow, guardian of Martha Winslow, Eliza Fudger, guardian of H. E. Fudger, J. G. Fudger, and A. B. Fudger, Samuel Cobb, executor of the last will of Lucy Cobb, deceased; Christina K. Sargent, guardian of John T. Sargent, Henry I. Sargent, and How.

ard Sargent ; William Mackay, guardian of Thomas Lamb, Louisa Lamb, William D. Lamb, and Caroline Lamb ; George Sullivan, guardian of Harriot R. Pearce, Catharine Pearce, Helen A. C. Pearce, Charles Pearce, and David Pearce ; John Davis, guardian of Sarah Davis ; Thomas J. Eckley, attorney to the heirs of Joseph Eckley, deceased, be, and they are respectively authorized and empowered to make and execute good and sufficient deeds of quit claim and conveyance, of the right, title, and interest, of said heirs and minors, in and to the said estate, known by the name of the Island wharf, and appurtenances, to the said Francis, his heirs, and assigns, forever, upon the same terms, and for the same consideration, which have been agreed upon, between the said Francis and the proprietors of said estate, who are of full age ; which deeds shall be good and effectual in law, to vest such parts and shares of the said estate, as are owned by said heirs and minors, in said Francis, in fee simple.

## CHAP. CXXIX.

### *Message from the Governor to the two Houses.*

6th February, 1815.

*Gentlemen of the Senate, and  
Gentlemen of the House of Representatives,*

The Secretary will lay before you a letter which I have received from his Excellency the Governor of Connecticut, in which he has transmitted certain resolutions of the General Assembly of that State, proposing several amendments of the Constitution of the United States.

He will also deliver to you a letter from the President of the Board of War, enclosing an abstract of accounts allowed by that Board, in the month of January, 1815.

CALEB STRONG.

*Council Chamber, February 6th, 1815.*

CHAP. CXXX.

*Resolve on the petition of the Selectmen of Freeport.*  
7th February, 1815.

On the petition of the Selectmen of the town of Freeport, in the County of Cumberland, praying that the records of said town may be legalized ; and setting forth that in many particulars, the records of said town are informal, in that many of the warrants are not recorded on the town book, and that a record of the oaths administered to the town officers, has not been made, and that there is no evidence of the requisite oaths having been administered to the town officers, except the recollection of those who administered them ;

*Therefore resolved,* That the records of said town of Freeport be, and hereby are made valid in law, to all intents and purposes, any omission to record said warrants, or to make a record of the administration of said oaths, to the contrary notwithstanding ; *provided* said warrants were legally issued, and said oaths actually administered by competent authority : *Provided also,* That this resolve shall not be construed to affect the rights of any non-resident proprietors, whose lands may have been sold for the non payment of any taxes, or so as to make valid in law any assessment of taxes for the building or repairing of any school-house, within said town of Freeport, or to defeat any action, which may have been commenced before the passing of this resolve.

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CHAP. CXXXI.

*Resolve establishing the proportion of taxes in the towns of Berwick and South Berwick.* 7th February, 1815.

Whereas by the last valuation, the town of Berwick was charged with the payment of four dollars and seventy-five cents on the thousand dollars ; and whereas the south parish in said town, has since been incorporated into a distinct town by the name of South Berwick :

*Therefore resolved,* That, from and after the passing of this resolve, the town of South Berwick shall stand in the valuation of polls and estates, one dollar, eighty-one cents

and five mills ; and the town of Berwick at two dollars, ninety-three cents and five mills on the thousand dollars, and to be taxed in that proportion in all future taxes, until a new valuation.

### CHAP. CXXXI.

*Resolve authorizing the Governor to appoint an Agent to sell certain lands mortgaged to the Commonwealth by Prentiss and Chevers, and directing the Solicitor General to prosecute Joseph Stone. 7th February, 1815.*

*Resolved*, That the Governor and Council be, and hereby are authorized to appoint an Agent to sell all the right, title, and interest the Commonwealth has by virtue of mortgage deeds made and executed by Henry Prentiss and Bartholomew Chevers, both of Princeton, in the county of Worcester, and to certain lands described in said deeds, and that he the said Agent be authorized to make and execute a deed or deeds thereof to any purchaser or purchasers thereof ; *provided* the same can be sold for the amount of the debt and interest due to said Commonwealth, from the said Prentiss and Chevers ; and that he, the said Agent, have full power to lease the said lands until the same can be sold as aforesaid.

*And be it further resolved*, That the Attorney or Solicitor General be directed to commence and prosecute to final judgment and execution, a suit or suits against Joseph Stone of Harvard, in the county of Worcester, Esquire, upon two judgments which the Commonwealth recovered against said Stone in the Supreme Judicial Court, in the said county of Worcester ; one in September, A. D. 1807, for the sum of \$500 debt, and \$18 45 cost ; and the other in September, A. D. 1808, for the sum of \$500 debt, \$26 26 cost.

### CHAP. CXXXII.

*Resolve allowing Charles Shaw of Jefferson, \$63.  
8th February, 1815.*

On the petition of Charles Shaw, representing, that, at the request of the Attorney General, he rendered assistance in

settling the disputes between certain claimants and settlers of lands in the towns of Edgecomb, Nobleborough, &c. praying that he may receive compensation therefor :

*Resolved*, For reasons set forth in said petition, which is confirmed by a certificate from the Attorney General as to the facts therein stated, that there be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of this Commonwealth, to Charles Shaw, the sum of sixty-three dollars, in full for his services as aforesaid.

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### CHAP. CXXXIII.

*Report on that part of the Governor's message, which relates to the defence of the State, and resolutions accompanying.* 8th February, 1815.

The Committee of both Houses to whom was referred so much of the message of his Excellency the Governor, as relates to the defence of the State of Massachusetts, beg leave respectfully to Report in part :

That in the opinion of your Committee, it was expedient that his Excellency the Governor should postpone the establishment of the military corps, which was authorized by the act of the Legislature, passed on the 20th October last.—The act was passed but a few days previous to the adjournment of the Legislature, and thence obstacles occurred to prevent the act from being carried into effect, besides those arising from the impaired state of the finances, in consequence of expense incurred in the purchase of munitions of war and the pay of the militia during the last year. The necessity of that measure became less urgent, as the force of the enemy employed on the coast of the United States, after the rising of the Legislature, was not increased, and the militia called into service were deemed a sufficient defence.

From accounts of the Commissioners of Sea-Coast Defence, and of the Board of War, which are amongst the documents communicated by his Excellency, it appears, that a sum not much short of a million of dollars has already been paid, or is shortly to be paid, for the expenses of the past year ; a large portion of which has accrued since June last ; leaving the state of the treasury nearly exhausted, and point-

ing strongly to the necessity of adopting such means of defence, as will be least expensive, consistently with safety.

The people of this Commonwealth, and especially those living on the sea-coast of this State, were thrown into great alarm, during the last summer and autumn, in consequence of the capture of the city of Washington, the plunder of Alexandria, and the taking possession by the enemy of a part of the District of Maine. Under those circumstances, it was deemed necessary by the proper authority, to continue in force a general order of July, 1812, which authorized officers of the militia, from the Major-General to subalterns, to call out such portions of the militia as were under their respective commands, when in their opinion it should be necessary. Under this authority, troops were in some cases called out, under apprehensions of danger, which proved groundless; and, in other instances, more than were necessary for the occasion.

It is the opinion of your Committee, that, in some instances, calls were made upon the militia, when the officers who made them were less influenced by their own apprehensions of danger, than by the fears of those, who compelled them, by constant applications, to yield to their intreaties and prayers. The readiness with which the militia obeyed the calls when made upon them, is a sufficient proof, that under such regulations as may be entered into, we can, with safety, place our principal reliance, under Providence, for a defensive warfare, upon the hardy yeomanry of our country, organized as militia, who have hitherto so honorably discharged the duties they have been called upon to perform.

Your Committee are strongly fortified in this opinion, by the result of a conference held in this metropolis, the last autumn, with the Major-Generals and Brigadier-Generals residing in this vicinity; who were summoned to meet, by the Adjutant-General, to consult with his Excellency the Governor, and the Commissioners of Sea-Coast Defence, as to the ability of their several divisions and brigades, to furnish troops, within a given time, at or near to the town of Boston; the result of which conference was, that in the opinion of the general officers convened, a body of at least eighteen thousand infantry, light infantry, artillery and cavalry, might be brought to a point, in this vicinity, in twenty-four hours after an alarm; and a proportionate number on the other parts of the sea-coast.



As we have a sea-coast extending nearly 600 miles, liable to be attacked, and as many forts have already been erected at considerable expense, and which require to be guarded throughout the year, your Committee think proper to recommend for the consideration of the Legislature, the expediency of requesting the Supreme Executive to cause to be enlisted, one thousand men, to compose a part of the military corps already authorized by law, to serve for one year, unless sooner discharged. This number of troops, it is presumed, will be sufficient for forming guards in the several forts, and may be usefully employed in detachments not greater than a Major's command.

This arrangement, your Committee conceive, will save considerable expense to the State, by making it unnecessary to organize a complete field and staff appointment, for such a corps.

And with a view to prevent extensive calls upon the militia, when there is no pressing necessity, and that such calls may not be made by an individual, who may be led from ardent feelings, or the solicitations of his neighbours and friends, to call out his troops when there is no actual danger, your Committee would suggest the propriety of giving power to his Excellency the Governor, with advice of Council, to appoint two persons at each of the following stations, viz: *Waldoborough* and *Camden*; *Wiscasset* and *Bath*; *Portland*; *Saco*, *Kennebunk*, and *Old York*; *Newburyport*, *Gloucester*, and *Salem*; *Boston*; *Plymouth*, *Sandwich* and *Barnstable*; *New-Bedford*, and at such other places as he may think proper, who shall be stiled *Military Commissioners*; and to whom shall be added the Major General, or Brigadier General, in the vicinity of the place of residence of the senior Commissioner, and which general officer shall be considered ex-officio as one of the said Commissioners; and that instructions, such as his Excellency may deem proper to give to such Commissioners, be communicated to them for their government; and whose duty it shall be, to decide as to the number of the militia which it may be necessary to call out at one time, and also when they may be discharged.

Your Committee are persuaded that such an arrangement would be very beneficial to the public, and be acceptable to general officers, who would be thus aided and advised by judicious persons, on whom they might rely.

*And your Committee further report,* That with a view to the convenience of the militia, and that the service to which they may be called, shall be as little burthensome as possible, it is recommended, that the Major Generals and Brigadier Generals be authorized and empowered to call out such portions of the force of the State, with the consent of the Military Commissioners, as may be most conveniently situated to the place threatened, to repel invasion, without recourse to the roster, or military usage or laws governing the militia.

*Your Committee further report,* That amongst the documents communicated to them, is a letter from the Secretary at War of the United States, dated December 1, 1814, addressed to his Excellency, stating, that it is contemplated by the general government to expel the enemy from the District of Maine; and to this end that orders had been given to Major General King, to employ five thousand of the militia of this State, with such of the United States' forces as can be spared from Military District No. 1, for that object; and requesting from his Excellency the aid of money, should it be called for, to carry this object into effect. To this letter was returned an answer, by his Excellency, informing the Secretary at War, that the funds at his disposition were directed to be applied under the State authority, and that even if the treasury of the State were in a situation to loan the amount applied for, it was not in his power to make the advance, without a special provision therefor. His Excellency observes further, in answer to the letter of the Secretary at War, "that it is desirable that we should be again in possession of the country east of the Penobscot; but an unsuccessful attempt to recover Castine, would aggravate the calamities of the people in that vicinity;—and some well informed persons have expressed to me their opinion, that it will be extremely difficult, if not impracticable, to take that fortress, unless we have a naval force that shall command the Bay of Penobscot."

Your Committee agree with his Excellency, that an unsuccessful attempt upon Castine would occasion aggravated calamities to the inhabitants on the other side the Penobscot, as well as to those residing on the west side of that river. And your Committee highly approve of his Excellency's refusal to encourage the expectation in the Secretary at War, that under the heavy pressure for the support of our militia,

engaged in defending our fire sides, we should have it in our power to furnish the general government with funds, to enable it to undertake an enterprize, which in the opinion of your Committee is impracticable, unless an adequate naval force could be obtained for the purpose.

Your Committee, therefore, recommend the following Resolves. All of which is submitted by

T. H. PERKINS, *Chairman.*

*Resolved*, That his Excellency the Governor, with the advice of Council, cause to be raised forthwith, one thousand men, in part of the number authorized by the law of the 20th October last, and to appoint and commission such number of officers, and of such grades as may be deemed necessary for the above troops ; and that his Excellency be, and he hereby is empowered to suspend the raising of the residue of the troops, required by said act, if in his judgment, the safety of the Commonwealth will permit, until, in virtue of some arrangement to be made with the national government, sufficient funds can be provided for their pay and support, without recourse to additional taxes.

*Resolved*, That his Excellency the Governor, by and with the advice of Council, be, and he hereby is authorized and empowered to appoint Commissioners, and the same at pleasure to remove, in as many and at such places within the Commonwealth, as he may think necessary ; any two of which Commissioners (in the District for which they are appointed) together with the Major General or Brigadier General in their District, or the major part of them, shall have power to determine on the necessity of calling out the militia to repel invasion ; and the number of militia necessary for such purpose, and the manner of calling them out ; and they shall also have power to determine when the militia so called out, or any part thereof, shall be discharged ; subject in all cases to the controul of the Commander in Chief.

## CHAP. CXXXIV.

*Governor's Message.* 8th February, 1815.

*Gentlemen of the Senate, and  
Gentlemen of the House of Representatives,*

I have this morning received a letter from the Secretary of War, of the 1st instant, together with a copy of an act of Congress, to authorize the President of the United States to accept the services of State troops and volunteers ; the letter, and enclosed act will be laid before you by the Secretary.

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## CHAP. CXXXV.

*Resolve on the petition of Lucy Wilkins, making valid the conveyance of certain real estate.* 9th February, 1815.

On the petition of Lucy Wilkins, for rendering valid the conveyance of Timothy Wilkins, jun. deceased,

*Resolved,* For the reasons set forth in the said petition, that the conveyance of the real estate of said Timothy Wilkins, jun. deceased, by Lucy Wilkins, administratrix on the estate of said deceased, pursuant to a license of the Supreme Judicial Court, is, and shall be good and valid, to vest the title to said real estate, to all intents and purposes, in the same manner, as if notifications of the sale thereof, had been posted agreeably to law.

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## CHAP. CXXXVI.

*Resolve on the petition of Joseph White, of Charlemont, and compensation allowed him.* 9th February, 1815.

On the petition of Joseph White, of Charlemont, praying indemnification for losses sustained, and expenses incurred, in consequence of his having been taken sick, while doing duty in the detached Militia, the last fall, at Commercial Point ;

*Resolved*, For reasons set forth in said petition, that there be allowed, and paid out of the Treasury of this Commonwealth, to the said Joseph White, the sum of sixty dollars, in full for all the considerations mentioned in said petition.

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CHAP. CXXXVII.

*Resolve on the petition of Samuel Parkman, Esq. extending the time for settling families on Township, No. 5.*  
9th February, 1815.

On the petition of Samuel Parkman, owner and proprietor of a Township of land, No. 5, 6th range, north of the Waldo patent, in the County of Hancock; also of half a Township of land granted to Portland Academy, lying in the County of Washington, praying for further time to complete the settling duties required by the deeds;

*Resolved*, For reasons set forth in said petition, that a further time of three years from the first day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, be, and hereby is allowed to the said Samuel Parkman, to complete the settlement of forty families on said Township number five; also to complete the settlement of ten families on the half Township, granted to Portland Academy aforesaid.

*Provided*, That the said Samuel Parkman, his heirs, or assigns, shall, on or before the first day of July next, give bonds to the Treasurer of this Commonwealth, in the sum of two thousand four hundred dollars, for Township No. 5, and six hundred dollars for Portland Academy grant, with sufficient surety, or sureties, to the satisfaction of the Agent for the sale of Eastern lands; conditioned that there shall be settled on each of said Townships, the number of families abovementioned, within the time extended as aforesaid, or for the payment of thirty dollars for each family, which shall be deficient of the whole number aforesaid. Upon satisfaction of which bonds given pursuant to this resolve, either by causing the said number of families to be settled on said tracts, within the time aforesaid, or by paying the said sum of thirty dollars, for each family, which shall be deficient, then the estate, right and title of said Samuel Parkman, his heirs, and assigns, shall be valid, full and ef-

fectual, to all intents and purposes, as if the conditions of settlement, expressed in the original deeds of said tracts, by the Agents for the sale of Eastern lands, had been fully and seasonably complied with.

*Be it further resolved*, That the Treasurer of this Commonwealth be, and hereby is directed, upon receiving the bonds aforesaid, to give up or cancel the bonds given for said tracts, dated November 29th, 1809, and March 1, 1810, signed by Samuel Parkman, Edward Blake, jun. and John Parkman.

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### CHAP. CXXXVIII.

*Resolve on the petition of Thurston Card, of Woolwich, and compensation allowed for a wound he received.*

9th February, 1815.

On the petition of Thurston Card, of Woolwich, praying indemnification for expenses incurred, in consequence of his having been wounded by a musket ball, while doing duty in the detached militia, when stationed at Coxe's head, in the month of September last ;

*Resolved*, For reasons set forth in said petition, that there be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of this Commonwealth, unto the said Thurston Card, the sum of two hundred dollars, in full for all losses and damages occasioned by said wound.

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### CHAP. CXXXIX.

*Resolve on petition of Melinda Taylor, widow, allowing her \$19.* 9th February, 1815.

On the petition of Melinda Taylor, widow of George Taylor, Jun. late a musician in Lieutenant-Colonel Enos Foot's regiment of detached militia ;

*Resolved*, For reasons set forth in said petition, that there be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of this Commonwealth, to the said widow Melinda Taylor, the sum of nineteen dollars in full for losses and expenses incurred by reason of the death of her late husband.

CHAP. CXL.

*Resolve on the petition of Mark Dodge, a Trustee of the Dudley Indians, discharged the said service at his request.*  
10th February, 1815.

*Resolved*, For reasons set forth in said petition, that Mark Dodge, one of the Guardians or Trustees of the Dudley tribe of Indians, at his particular request, be, and he is hereby discharged from any further service in said office : *Provided however*, That this discharge shall not be considered so as to exonerate him from being accountable to the proper authority for any property which belonged to the Commonwealth, or to the said Indians, and which may have passed through his hands, as one of the Trustees.

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CHAP. CXLI.

*Report and resolves respecting amendments to the Constitution of the United States.* 10th February, 1815.

THE Committee of both Houses to whom were referred the message of his Excellency the Governor, and the documents therewith transmitted, beg leave further to Report :

That they have maturely considered the several amendments to the Constitution of the United States, recommended by the Convention of Delegates to be proposed for adoption by the State Legislatures ; and they are of opinion, that all these amendments are such, as experience has suggested to be important, and that, if adopted, they will tend to give to the Constitution that just and equal operation, which was originally intended to maintain it, in its true spirit, and to prevent abuses under colour of its authority ; to preserve and to strengthen the Union, and increase the mutual confidence and harmony of the States ; to secure on the part of the government, a regard for all the great interests of the people, and to extend alike to every portion of our country, the benefits and privileges to be enjoyed under the federal compact.

The Committee therefore, respectfully submit the following resolutions.

D. A. WHITE, *per order*.

*Resolved*, That the Senators and the Representatives of this Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States, be requested to use their best endeavors, to cause the following articles to be proposed by the two houses of Congress to the Legislatures of the several States, as amendments to the Constitution of the United States—that is to say :

ART. I. Representatives and direct taxes, shall be apportioned among the several States, which may be included within this Union, according to their respective numbers of free persons, including those bound to serve for a term of years, and excluding Indians not taxed, and all other persons.

ART. II. No new State shall be admitted into the Union by Congress in virtue of the power granted by the Constitution, without the concurrence of two thirds of both houses.

ART. III. Congress shall not have power to lay any embargo on the ships or vessels of the citizens of the United States in the ports or harbors thereof, for more than sixty days.

ART. IV. Congress shall not have power, without the concurrence of two thirds of both houses, to interdict the commercial intercourse between the United States and any foreign nation, or the dependencies thereof.

ART. V. Congress shall not make, or declare war, or authorize acts of hostility against any foreign nation, without the concurrence of two thirds of both houses ; except such acts of hostility be in defence of the territories of the United States, when actually invaded.

ART. VI. No person, who shall hereafter be naturalized, shall be eligible as a member of the Senate or House of Representatives of the United States, nor capable of holding any civil office under the authority of the United States.

ART. VII. The same person shall not be elected President of the United States a second time ; nor shall the President be elected from the same State two terms in succession.

*Resolved*, That his Excellency the Governor be requested to transmit to each of the Senators and Representatives of this Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States, an attested copy of these Resolutions.

*Resolved*, That his Excellency the Governor be requested to inform the Chief Magistrates of the several States in the Union, of the doings of this Legislature respecting this subject, and to request them to communicate the same to the



Legislatures of their respective States, and to solicit their co-operation in procuring the aforesaid amendments to be adopted and made a part of the Constitution.

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#### CHAP. CXLII.

*Resolve empowering the Warden of the State Prison to draw \$8000. 10th February, 1815.*

*Resolved,* That there be allowed and paid out of the public Treasury, for the use of the State Prison, the sum of eight thousand dollars, to be drawn from the Treasury by the Warden of said Prison, in such sums as the Directors shall, from time to time, direct; and his Excellency the Governor with the advice of Council, is hereby requested to draw his warrants on the Treasurer for said sums accordingly.

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#### CHAP. CXLIII.

*Resolve on the petition of Isaac Peirce, of Orrington. 10th February, 1815.*

*Resolved,* For reasons set forth in said petition, that there be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of this Commonwealth unto the said Isaac Peirce, the sum of sixty-one dollars and seventy-five cents, in full for all the considerations mentioned in said petition.

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#### CHAP. CXLIV.

*Resolve on the petition of Richard S. Blasdel of Hampden. 10th February, 1815.*

*Resolved,* For reasons set forth in said petition, that there be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of this Commonwealth, to the said Richard S. Blasdel, of Hampden, the sum of sixty-eight dollars and seventy-five cents, in full for all the considerations mentioned in said petition.

CHAP. CXLV.

*Resolve on the petition of Nicholas Peirce, of Limerick.*  
11th February, 1815.

*Resolved,* That there be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of this Commonwealth, to the said Nicholas Peirce, the sum of seventy-five dollars, in consideration of the expense incurred and time lost, in consequence of a wound he received on the parade, while in the discharge of military duty, on the eleventh day of October last, and in full for all the considerations mentioned in petition.

CHAP. CXLVI.

*Resolve granting allowance to the Committee appointed to examine the Banks.* 11th February, 1815.

*Resolved,* That there be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of this Commonwealth, to Lothrop Lewis, Esq. the sum of sixty-one dollars and forty cents ; to James Neal, Esq. the sum of seventy-six dollars and thirty cents ; to Samuel Cony, Esq. the sum of seventy-eight dollars and ninety-five cents, in full for their services and expenses, in examining the Banks in the District of Maine ; and that there be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of this Commonwealth, to Wendell Davis, Esq. Kilborn Whitman, Esq. and James Washburn, Esq. the sum of fifty-three dollars, and seventy five cents, each in full for their services and expenses in examining the Banks in the town of Nantucket.

CHAP. CXLVII.

*Resolve on the representation of the Quarter-Master General, respecting the Commonwealth's title to lands at Cambridge.* 11th February, 1815.

On the representation of the Quarter-Master-General and Timothy L. Jennison, of Cambridge, in the county of Middlesex, as guardian of Leonard Pool, Charles Pool and Su-

san Pool, all of said Cambridge, minors, under fourteen years of age, and children of Luke Pool and Susannah Hill Pool, both late of said Cambridge, deceased :

*Resolved*, That the said Timothy I. Jennison, in his capacity of guardian as aforesaid, be, and he hereby is authorized and empowered to make and execute, to this Commonwealth, a sufficient deed of release of all the right, title, interest and estate whatsoever, which said guardian's wards have, of, and into a certain piece of land situate in said Cambridge, and described in a deed to the Commonwealth from the heirs of Joseph Bates, deceased, dated the sixth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirteen ; and recorded in the registry of deeds for the county of Middlesex, book 210, page 39 ; the said Jennison having received from the Commonwealth, for his wards aforesaid, their proportion of the consideration, or purchase money, expressed in the deed last mentioned.

## CHAP. CXLVIII.

*Resolve on the petition of Henry Marsh.*  
11th February, 1815.

On the petition of Henry Marsh, a Deputy Sheriff of the county of Berkshire, praying for compensation for serving a warrant of distress in favor of this Commonwealth, against John Chamberlain, Jr. and committing said Chamberlain to Lenox gaol.

*Resolved*, For reasons set forth in said petition, that there be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of this Commonwealth, to the said Marsh, one hundred dollars, in full for his services and claims in the premises.

## CHAP. CXLIX.

*Resolve on the petition of Alexander Robinson.*  
11th February, 1815.

On the petition of Alexander Robinson, stating, that he is desirous of owning a tract of land belonging to the Commonwealth, lying in the county of Oxford, bounded northwardly by

the town of Bethel ; eastwardly by township numbered two ; southwardly by plantation numbered three, and westwardly by plantation numbered four, containing about fourteen hundred acres, as surveyed by Alexander Greenwood, Esq. by order of the Agent for the sale of Eastern Lands :

*Resolved*, That the Agent for the sale of Eastern Lands be, and he is hereby authorised to sell, and convey unto the said Alexander Robinson, his heirs and assigns, or to any other person or persons, who may apply for the same, all the right, title, and interest of said Commonwealth, in and unto a tract of land, lying in the county of Oxford, bounded northwardly by the town of Bethel ; eastwardly by township numbered two ; southwardly by plantation numbered three, now Woodstock, and westwardly by plantation numbered four, as surveyed by Alexander Greenwood, Esq. upon such terms and conditions, as the said agent shall think just, and reasonable : *Provided*, That said Agent shall first ascertain that the land hereby intended to be sold is the property of the Commonwealth.

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#### CHAP. CL.

*Resolve granting Hanson Whitehouse \$50, for the loss of his Horse. 11th February, 1815.*

*Resolved*, That there be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of this Commonwealth, to Hanson Whitehouse, the sum of fifty dollars, in full for the value of his horse, which was mortally wounded in the service of this Commonwealth, at a Brigade Muster, in Marblehead, on the fourth day of October last.

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#### CHAP. CII.

*Resolve authorising the Board of War to indemnify such persons as have had or may have their land taken for works of defence during the present war. 11th February, 1815.*

Whereas, it became necessary for the security and defence of various towns on the maritime frontier of the Commonwealth, the last year, for the Commissioners of Sea-

Coast Defence, and other persons acting under the authority of the Commander in Chief, to take possession of various heights of land, and other places which were considered as suitable places for the erection of forts and batteries, and upon which fortifications and other works of defence have been erected :

And, whereas, during the continuance of the war; it may hereafter become necessary for the government of this Commonwealth, to take possession of other places for similar purposes :

*Therefore resolved*, That the Board of War be, and they are hereby empowered and directed, in all cases where application may be made to them, by any person, or persons, for an indemnification for the loss or injury sustained by reason of the act or doings of the authorized agents of the government, to hear and consider such applications ; and after having defined the uses and purposes for which such pieces of land were taken possession of, and for which they may be wanted by the government, and also for what length of time they may be wanted, to describe such part of said tract or parcel of land as may be needed by the government for the purposes aforesaid, by metes and bounds ; and in case they can agree with the applicant, or applicants, either for the purchase, or use of the same, as they shall think most for the interest of the Commonwealth, to pay such sum of money as shall be agreed on, as a full consideration for such purchase, or indemnification for the loss or injury such person or persons may sustain, by reason of the occupation or use of his land and estate by the government.

And in case no agreement or compromise can be made, the Board of War are further authorised and empowered (the applicants consenting thereto) to appoint one appraiser, and the applicant may appoint another, and the two appraisers, thus chosen, shall appoint a third, which three appraisers, under oath, shall view the premises, and the whole or a major part of them, shall make their report thereon to the Board of War, and their report thereon shall be final ; and such sum of money as such appraisers may award, the said Board of War shall pay to such applicant, in full for the loss or injury sustained as aforesaid ; and all necessary expenses attending the proceedings hereby authorised, shall be paid by the Board of War.

CHAP. CLII.

*Resolve granting a pension to John T. Stone of Concord.*  
14th February, 1815.

On the petition of John T. Stone of Concord, praying relief in consequence of his having been wounded by the explosion of gunpowder, while doing military duty at a regimental muster at Waltham, in the year 1813 :

*Resolved*, For reasons set forth in said petition, that there be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of this Commonwealth, unto the Selectmen of the town of Framingham, for the time being, for the use and for the support of the said John T. Stone, the sum of twenty dollars per annum, during his natural life, or until the further order of the General Court.

CHAP. CLIII.

*Resolve appointing a day for solemn prayer and thanksgiving for the return of peace.* 14th February, 1815.

The Legislature of Massachusetts, being impressed with a deep and lively sense of the goodness of the Almighty Ruler of the Universe, in restraining the wrath of man, and in restoring the blessings of peace to our distressed land :

*Therefore resolved*, That on Wednesday, the twenty-second day of February instant, should information of the cessation of hostilities be received, this Legislature will unite in public and solemn prayer and thanksgiving to Almighty God, for the mercy and deliverance he has thus vouchsafed to our nation.

*Resolved*, That the Chaplains of both branches, be requested to make selections from the scriptures, adapted to the occasion, and to prepare suitable solemn services.

*Resolved*, That his Excellency the Governor, his Honor the Lieutenant Governor, and the Members of the Honorable Council be invited to unite with the Legislature in these solemnities.

*Resolved*, That a joint Committee be appointed to make the necessary arrangements, and that they be authorized to

take measures for a display of fire-works, and, in conjunction with the Selectmen of Boston, for a general illumination of all public buildings, on the occasion.

#### CHAP. CLIV.

*Resolve on the petition of Andrew Hall.*

15th February, 1815.

On the petition of Andrew Hall, of Falmouth, in the county of Cumberland, stating, that he purchased two lots of land under the Commonwealth, lying in the town of Hampden, in the county of Hancock, and that by running the northerly line of the Waldo patent one hundred and fifty-two acres has been taken from him, for which he prays remuneration.

Whereas the Commonwealth has received of Robert Wheeler, for lot No. 169, containing one hundred acres, and of Amos Hurd, for lot No. 168, containing one hundred acres, both of said lots in Hampden aforesaid, the sum of three hundred and eighty-five dollars and eighty-three cents, with compound interest, included, to this time; one hundred and fifty-two acres of which land amounts to two hundred and ninety-three dollars and nineteen cents, and the petitioner has purchased the lots aforesaid of said grantees, and has been at the expense of two hundred and thirteen dollars and fifty cents, costs of court and other incidental expences, in defending the title to said lots;

*Therefore, resolved,* For reasons set forth in said petition, that there be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of this Commonwealth, to Andrew Hall aforesaid, five hundred and six dollars and sixty-nine cents, in full for the aforesaid one hundred and fifty-two acres, including costs of court, and all other charges.

#### CHAP. CLV.

*Resolve confirming the records of the Congregational Society in Dudley.* 15th February, 1815.

On the petition of the Congregational Society in Dudley,

by their Committee, praying that the doings of said Society, at a meeting of said Society, held on the second day of January last past, for the choice of Officers for said Society, may be made valid ;

*Resolved*, For reasons set forth in said petition, that the doings of said Society, at said meeting for the choice of Officers aforesaid, be, and hereby are made valid in law, to all intents and purposes ; and the Officers chosen as aforesaid, shall have the same authority as if the said meeting had been held on the first Monday in November, any thing in the act of incorporation, or bye-laws of said Society, to the contrary notwithstanding.

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#### CHAP. CLVI.

*Resolve on the Memorial of the Attorney-General, three hundred and twenty dollars granted for expense of reference in the cause of Josiah Little, Esq.*

15th February, 1815.

*Resolved*, That there shall be allowed and paid out of the public Treasury to Perez Morton, Esq. Attorney-General, three hundred and twenty dollars, for the purpose of meeting and defraying all the necessary expenses, which already have, and hereafter may accrue in the reference entered into by the said Attorney-General, in behalf of the Commonwealth, and Josiah Little, Agent of the Pejepscot proprietors, and in his own right, claiming under said proprietors, as authorised and directed by a resolve passed the 14th of June, A. D. 1814, he, the said Attorney-General, to be accountable for the disposition of the same ; and his Excellency the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Council, is hereby authorised and requested to draw his warrant on the Treasury for the aforesaid sum.

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#### CHAP. CLVII.

*Resolve on the petition of the Maine Literary and Theological Institution, granting a township of Land.*

15th February, 1815.

On the petition of the Trustees of the Maine Literary and



Theological Institution, requesting that the Agent for the sale of eastern lands might be empowered to give a deed to them of township, No. 3, on the west side of Penobscot river, purchased of the Indians ;

*Resolved*, For reasons set forth in said petition, that William Smith, Esq. agent for the sale of eastern lands, be, and he is hereby authorised to give a deed of township, No. 3, on the west side of Penobscot river, to the Trustees of the Maine Literary and Theological Institution, to be vested in the Corporation of said Institution, and their successors, forever, for the use, benefit, and purpose of supporting said Institution; to be by them holden in their corporate capacity, in full consideration for the grant made by an act passed the twenty-seventh day of February, eighteen hundred and thirteen, reserving, however, two thousand six hundred acres, surveyed in lots of one hundred acres each, laid out on a road to be made through said township; which lots are reserved for the purpose of defraying the expense of making said road, and subject to the same restrictions, reservations, and limitations, as other grants for similar purposes are now usually made. The said Trustees, and their successors, have full power and authority to settle, divide, and manage the said tract or township of land, or any part thereof, or to sell, convey, or dispose of the same for settlement only; and to no person a larger quantity than one thousand acres, in such way and manner, as shall best promote the welfare of said Institution.

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### CHAP. CLVIII.

*Resolution directing the payment of the expenses attending the celebration on account of peace. 16th February, 1815.*

On application of the Committee of both Houses, appointed to carry into effect the arrangements, directed by the resolutions relative to the celebration proposed on account of the treaty of peace, between the United States and Great Britain ;

*Resolved*, That the Quarter-Master-General be, and he hereby is authorised and directed to pay and discharge, out of any monies belonging to the Commonwealth, which are, or may be in his hands, all such bills and accounts of ex-

penses, as may be incurred in consequence of the celebration aforesaid; provided, however, such bills and accounts be approved and certified by the Committee of Arrangements aforesaid.

### CHAP. CLIX.

*Resolve remitting Patricktown plantation, their State tax.*  
16th February, 1815.

On the petition of the inhabitants of plantation called Patricktown, in the county of Lincoln;

*Resolved*, For reasons set forth in said petition, that the sum of seventeen dollars and thirty-three cents, assessed on the inhabitants of said plantation, by the act entitled "An act to apportion and assess a tax of one hundred and thirty-three thousand, three hundred and thirty-four dollars, ninety-two cents, for the service of the State," passed on the twenty-eighth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, be, and the same is hereby remitted.

### CHAP. CLX.

*Resolve on petition of Nathan Searl, authorising Lemuel Bates to execute a deed to him.* 16th February, 1815.

On the petition of Nathan Searl, of Southampton, in the county of Hampshire, setting forth, that he, together with Eleazer Clap of said Southampton, and Obadiah Walker, late of the same Southampton, now deceased, on the sixteenth day of April, A. D. 1808, purchased of Samuel Mather, Esq. of Westfield, lately in the county of Hampshire, and Charles Mather, of Hartford, in the state of Connecticut, and Rhoda his wife, a certain tract of land on Westfield plains, near Hampton Ponds, so called, that a conveyance of said premises was made to said Eleazer Clap and Obadiah Walker only, but that more than one-third part of the purchase money, which has already been demanded, has been paid by him the said Nathan Searl, and that he is still ready to pay his proportion of one hundred and eighty-seven dol-

lars and eight cents, which now remains due of said purchase money, and praying that the administrator on the estate of the said Obadiah Walker deceased, may be authorised to convey to him one third of one half of the tract aforesaid;

*Resolved*, That Lemuel Bates, administrator on the estate of the said Obadiah Walker, deceased, be, and he is hereby empowered to execute a good and sufficient deed unto the said Nathan Searl, of one third of one half of the tract of land aforesaid, on Westfield plains, near Hampton Ponds, so called, being part of a lot originally laid out to David Mosely, Esq. in the second tier of lots, and is numbered thirty-five, containing one hundred and twenty-nine acres, on the east side of the highway leading from Westfield to Northampton, and beginning at the northeast corner of said land, by the highway aforesaid, at a stake and stones; then running eastwardly, by the first tier of lots to the ponds or brook; then southerly by said brook to Asahel Owen's land, then westerly on land laid out to Jacob Fowler, to the highway aforesaid; then on said highway to the first mentioned bounds; to be in common, and undivided; he, the said Nathan, paying his proportion of one hundred and eighty six dollars, and eight cents, which now remains due of the purchase money for said land.

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## CHAP. CLXI.

*Resolve on the petition of Cornelius Williams, allowing fifty dollars for loss of time, occasioned by a wound.*

16th February, 1815.

On the petition of Cornelius Williams, of Dixmont;

*Resolved*, That there be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of this Commonwealth, the sum of fifty dollars to the said Cornelius Williams, in full for his loss of time occasioned by a wound he received in his thigh by the enemy, when doing duty in the detached militia at Hampden in the month of September last, and in full of all expenses not already assumed and charged against the Commonwealth by the town of Dixmont.

## CHAP. CLXII.

*Resolve on the petition of William Ferguson, allowing fifty dollars for loss of time occasioned by a wound.*

16th February, 1815.

On the petition of William Ferguson, of Dixmont;

*Resolved*, That there be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of this Commonwealth, to the said William Ferguson, the sum of fifty dollars in full for his loss of time occasioned by a wound he received in his thigh, by the enemy, when doing duty in the detached militia at Hampden, in the month of September last, and in full of all expenses not already assumed by the town of Dixmont, and charged by them to the Commonwealth.

## CHAP. CLXIII.

*Resolve on the petition of Joshua Cole. 17th February, 1815.*

On the petition of Joshua Cole, representing, that by running the north line of the Waldo patent, a lot No. 146, in Hampden, which he paid the Agents for the sale of eastern lands for, has been found to be within the Waldo claim; consequently, the title he received from said Agents, is not valid; and praying that he may have compensation therefor;

*Resolved*, For reasons set forth in said petition, that there be paid out of the Treasury of this Commonwealth, to Joshua Cole, of Frankfort, in the county of Hancock, the sum of one hundred and sixty-nine dollars and seventy-nine cents, in full consideration for the loss of said lot, it being the amount paid said Agents, with compound interest added thereto.

## CHAP. CLXIV.

*Resolve on the petition of Stephens Atwood.*

17th February, 1815.

On the petition of Stephens Atwood, of the town of Frank-

fort, in the county of Hancock, stating, that he is purchaser of a lot of land, sold by the Agents for eastern lands to Daniel Colson, and that by running the north line of the Waldo patent, said lot, being No. 145, surveyed by Park Holland, was found to be within the Waldo claim; consequently, has lost the same, and praying for remuneration;

*Resolved*, For reasons set forth in said petition, that there be paid to Stephens Atwood, (assignee of David Colson) out of the Treasury of this Commonwealth, the sum of one hundred and seventy eight dollars, and fifty-eight cents, in full consideration for the loss of said lot, No. 145, in the town of Hampden, it being the amount which the Commonwealth has received, with compound interest thereon.

#### CHAP. CLXV.

*Resolve on the petition of John S. Trott, authorising the Judge of Probate for Suffolk county, respecting the estate of John H. Blake, deceased. 18th February, 1815.*

On the petition of John S. Trott, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk, merchant, stating that he is a creditor to the estate of John H. Blake, late of said Boston, merchant, deceased, which has been represented insolvent, and that more than eighteen months has expired since the date of the commission of insolvency, but from the various and complicated accounts between him and the estate of said deceased, and also of the co-partnership accounts of the late firm of Trott & Blake, it has become necessary that further time be allowed the Commissioners to receive and examine his claim, and also any further claims that may be exhibited against said estate;

*Therefore resolved*, That for reasons set forth in said petition, the Judge of Probate for the county of Suffolk, be, and he hereby is authorised and empowered to grant a new commission on said estate, or to allow such further time to the former Commissioners on said estate, not exceeding three months, as he shall judge expedient, to receive, examine and allow all such claims, as shall be duly exhibited and proved against the estate of said deceased, under the said commission.

## CHAP. CLXVI.

*Resolve on the petition of Rhoda Harwood, authorising the Judge of Probate, for the county of Worcester, to allow a further time to the Commissioners to examine the claims against the estate of Luke Potter. 18th February, 1815.*

On the petition of Rhoda Harwood, of North Brook field, in the county of Worcester;

*Resolved*, For reasons set forth in said petition, that the Judge of Probate, within and for the county of Worcester, be, and he is hereby authorised and empowered to allow the Commissioners on the estate of Luke Potter of said North Brookfield, deceased, a further time for the examination of the claims of Abel Harwood, of said county, deceased, and of his heirs, against the estate of said Potter, which time shall not extend beyond the first day of July next,

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## CHAP. CLXVII.

*Resolve on petition of Paul Langdon and others, authorising them to sell real estate. February 18, 1815.*

On the petition of Paul Langdon, of Wilbraham, in the county of Hampden, executor of the last will and testament of Mary Davis, late of said Wilbraham, deceased, stating, that the said Mary bequeathed all her personal estate to certain legatees, named in the will, and devised all her real estate to Festus Sheldon and George Sheldon, sons of Ebenezer Sheldon, of Aurora, in the county of Portage, nad state of Ohio, under the age of twenty-one years, subject to the payment of certain small legacies, all her debts and charges of administration; that the whole of the real estate was appraised at the sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars; and that the debts due, and charges of administration, amount to the sum of two hundred and forty-eight dollars and forty-five cents, and that said real estate is so situated, that the sale of a part of said real estate would greatly diminish the value of the residue, and that the father of said Festus and George has requested him to procure an authority to sell the right and interest in said estate :

*Therefore resolved*, That the said Paul Langdon and Martin Sheldon, of Suffield, in the county of Hartford, and state of Connecticut, be, and they hereby are authorised and empowered to sell, at public vendue, to the highest bidder, all the right and interest of the said Festus Sheldon and George Sheldon, in and to the real estate devised to them by the last will and testament of the said Mary Davis; and to execute a deed or deeds of the same, which shall be valid and effectual in the law, to convey all the right and interest of the said Festus and George, in and to said real estate, so devised to them; they the said Paul and Martin observing the rules and regulations prescribed by law for the direction and government of executors and administrators in selling real estate for the payment of the debts of persons deceased; *provided*, that the said Paul Langdon and Martin Sheldon shall first give bonds to the said Festus Sheldon and George Sheldon, in such sum and with such security, as the Judge of Probate for the county of Hampden shall direct; that the money arising from said sale shall be put out upon interest for the benefit of the said Festus and George, and that they will account with the said minors for the same when they shall severally attain the age of twenty-one years, or in case of their death, with their legal representative, when thereto lawfully required.

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## CHAP. CLXVIII.

*Resolve on the petition of Samuel Stall.*

20th February, 1815.

On the petition of Samuel Stall, praying to be reimbursed for expences paid by him for the use of the Commonwealth;

*Resolved*, For reasons set forth in said petition, that there be allowed and paid out of the public Treasury of this Commonwealth, to Samuel Stall, the sum of eighty-two dollars and fifty cents, in full compensation for the expenses paid by him for purchasing land, and building a gun-house in the town of New-Bedford.

## CHAP. CLXIX.

*Resolve on the petition of Aaron Dwinal, and others.*  
20th February, 1815.

On the petition of the proprietors of a tract of land, granted to John Bridgham and others, on the ninth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, praying compensation for expenses incurred in defending certain real actions, commenced by the Pejepscot proprietors, against Benjamin Thoms and Jeremiah Dillingham, grantees of the said John Bridgham, and others, who claimed under the Commonwealth by virtue of the grant aforesaid ;

*Resolved,* For reasons set forth in said petition, that there be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of this Commonwealth, to James Hearséy, Aaron Dwinal and Samuel Pool, agents for said John Bridgham and others, the sum of four hundred and thirteen dollars and eighty-three cents, in full compensation for all costs and expenses which they have incurred in defending Benjamin Thoms and Jeremiah Dillingham, in suits commenced against them by the Pejepscot proprietors; in which judgment was rendered for the demandants by the Supreme Judicial Court, begun and holden at Portland, on the fourth Tuesday of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ten; and that his Excellency the Governor be authorised and requested to draw his warrant on the Treasurer therefor.

## CHAP. CLXX.

*Resolve on the petition of John Gleason.*  
20th February, 1815.

On the petition of John Gleason, representing that in the month of April, 1812, he was employed by the Attorney-General of this Commonwealth, (in behalf of the Commissioners, who were appointed to settle the title of certain claims of proprietors in the county of Lincoln,) to make accurate surveys of the towns of Bristol, New-Castle, Nobleborough, Waldoborough, Jefferson and Boothbay; and was author-



ised to employ such assistance as was necessary ; that he employed Josiah Jones as an assistant, whose bill has never been paid, and therefore prays that he may be allowed such a sum as would be reasonable and just, to be paid over to said Jones for his services ;

*Resolved*, For reasons set forth in said petition, that there be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of this Commonwealth, the sum of fifty-eight dollars to the said John Gleason, in full consideration for monies paid, or to be paid, by the said Gleason to Josiah Jones aforesaid.

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### CHAP. CLXXI.

*Resolve granting taxes for the counties of Cumberland, Kennebeck and Franklin.* 20th February, 1815.

On the representation of the Committee on county estimates, stating, that the estimates for the county taxes for the counties of Cumberland, Kennebeck and Franklin, are not accompanied with the Treasurer's accounts for said counties, and as great inconveniences may arise, if no taxes are authorised for the present year ;

*Resolved*, That the estimates made by the Circuit Court of Common Pleas, for the county of Cumberland, November, 1814, and amounting to five thousand dollars for the present year, be, and is hereby granted as a tax for the said county ; and that the estimate made by the Circuit Court of Common Pleas, for the county of Kennebeck, in November, 1814, and amounting to six thousand dollars for the present year, be, and is hereby granted as a tax for said county ; and that the estimate made by the Circuit Court of Common Pleas, for the county of Franklin, in August, 1814, and amounting to three thousand and two hundred dollars, for the present year, be, and is hereby granted as a tax for said county ; the said sums to be apportioned, assessed, paid, collected, and applied for the purposes aforesaid according to law.

*And be it further resolved*, That the Treasurers of the said counties, respectively be, and they are hereby required and directed to produce their accounts as Treasurers of the counties aforesaid respectively, at the first session of the next General Court.

## CHAP. CLXXII.

*Resolve on the petition of John Tripp, of Westport.*

20th February, 1815.

On the petition of John Tripp of Westport,

*Resolved*, That there be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of this Commonwealth to John Tripp, of Westport, the sum of seventy-three dollars, in full for cost and damages he sustained by reason of a severe wound his son Carmi Tripp received by a fall, while doing military duty in the month of July last.

## CHAP. CLXXIII.

*Resolve for granting county taxes, to several counties.*

20th February, 1815.

Whereas the Treasurers of the following counties have laid their accounts before the Legislature, which accounts have been examined and allowed; and whereas the Clerks of the Courts of Sessions for said counties have exhibited estimates made by said Courts, of the necessary charges which may arise within the several counties for the year ensuing; and of the sums necessary to discharge the debts of the said counties;

*Resolved*, That the sums annexed to the several counties, contained in the following schedule, be, and the same are hereby granted as a tax, for each county respectively, to be apportioned, assessed, paid, collected and applied, for the purposes aforesaid according to law:—

Suffolk, twenty-two thousand dollars, \$22,000

Berkshire, four thousand dollars, 4,000

York, five thousand dollars, 5,000

Somerset, two thousand dollars, 2,000

Worcester, three thousand dollars, 3,000

Bristol, six thousand dollars, 6,000

Middlesex, six thousand six hundred dollars, 6,600

Hampden, seven thousand dollars, 7,000

Hancock, three thousand dollars, 3,000

CHAP. CLXXIV.

*Resolve on the petition of Leonard Sweet.*  
21st February, 1815.

On the petition of Leonard Sweet;

*Resolved*, That there be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of this Commonwealth, to the said Leonard Sweet, the sum of one hundred and sixty dollars, in full, for services rendered and expenses incurred by pursuing and detecting certain persons engaged in counterfeiting and passing bank bills, and in full for premiums by law allowed on the conviction of counterfeiters and utterers of bank bills, in the Municipal Court in the town of Boston.

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CHAP. CLXXV.

*Resolve on the petition of the President of Harvard College.*  
21st February, 1815.

Whereas it appears that Samuel Parkman, Esq. has munificently granted to Harvard College a township of land in the District of Maine, being No. 8, in the eighth range of townships, north of the Waldo patent, between the Kennebec and Penobscot rivers, upon condition that the President and Fellows of said College would exonerate him from his bond to the Commonwealth, for the performance of the settling duties on said township. And whereas the President and Fellows of Harvard College have petitioned this court, that the settling duties required to be performed on said township may be altogether remitted.

*Therefore, resolved*. That the Treasurer of this Commonwealth be, and he hereby is directed to cancel the bond given by said Parkman, for the performance of the settling duties in the township No. 8, in the eighth range of townships north of the Waldo patent, between the Kennebec and Penobscot rivers; and that the performance thereof be wholly remitted to the President and Fellows of Harvard College.

CHAP. CLXXVI.

*Resolve on the petition of George Reed.*  
21st February, 1815.

On the petition of George Reed, one of the constables of the town of Boston ;

*Resolved*, For the reasons set forth in the said petition, and supported by the evidence annexed to and accompanying the same, that the sum of sixty dollars be, and the same hereby is granted to the said George Reed, to be paid out of the Treasury of this Commonwealth.

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CHAP. CLXXVII.

*Resolve on the petition of Captain Nathan Partridge.*  
23d February, 1815.

On the petition of Nathan Partridge, Captain of a company of artillery, in the second brigade and seventh division of the militia ;

*Resolved*, For the reasons and facts set forth in the said petition, and supported and corroborated by the evidence annexed to and accompanying the same, that the Quarter-Master-General be, and he hereby is authorised to issue to the said Captain Partridge, fifty pounds of gun-powder, to replace the like quantity heretofore issued by the Quarter-Master-General, for the use of said company, and stolen while on its way from Boston to Barre.

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CHAP. CLXXVIII.

*Resolve granting taxes to the counties of Lincoln and Hampshire.* 24th February, 1815.

On the representation of the Committee on county estimates, stating, that the estimates for the county taxes, for the counties of Lincoln and Hampshire, are not accompanied with the Treasurers accounts for said counties ; And whereas

great inconveniences may arise, if no taxes are authorized for the present year;

*Resolved*, That the estimate made by the Circuit Court of Common Pleas, for the county of Lincoln, in January, 1815, and amounting to \$6,462  $\frac{49}{100}$ , for the present year, be, and the same is hereby granted as a tax for the said county; and that the estimate made by the Circuit Court of Common Pleas for the county of Hampshire, in August, 1814, and amounting to \$2,500, for the present year, be, and the same is hereby granted as a tax for the said county; the said sums to be apportioned, assessed, paid, collected, and applied for the purposes aforesaid, according to law.

*And be it further resolved*, That the Treasurers of the said counties, respectively, be, and they are hereby required and directed to produce their accounts as Treasurers of the counties aforesaid, respectively, at the first session of the next General Court.

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## CHAP. CLXXIX.

*Resolve for granting taxes for several counties.*  
24th February, 1815.

Whereas the Treasurers of the following counties have laid their accounts before the Legislature for examination, which accounts have been examined and allowed; and whereas the Clerks of the Courts of Common Pleas, for the said counties have exhibited estimates made by the said Courts, of the necessary charges, which may arise within the said several counties for the year ensuing, and of the sums necessary to discharge the debts of said counties;

*Resolved*, That the sums annexed to the several counties contained in the following schedule, be, and the same are hereby granted as a tax for each county, respectively, to be apportioned, assessed, paid, collected and applied for the purposes aforesaid:—

Essex, seventeen thousand five hundred dollars,	\$ 17,500
Barnstable, one thousand four hundred dollars,	1,400
Norfolk, three thousand dollars,	3,000

## CHAP. CLXXX.

*Resolve allowing to the Messenger of the General Court four hundred dollars, to purchase fuel, &c.*

24th February, 1815.

*Resolved*, That there be paid out of the Treasury of this Commonwealth, to Jacob Kuhn, Messenger of the General Court, the sum of four hundred dollars, to enable him to purchase fuel, and such other articles, as may be necessary for the use of the general court, together with the Governor and Council chamber, the Secretary's, Treasurer's, Adjutant-General's and Quarter-Master-General's offices; he to be accountable for the expenditure of the same.

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## CHAP. CLXXXI.

*Resolve adjusting accounts of the Attorney-General, and a grant for the balance.* 24th February, 1815.

The Committee appointed to consider the Memorial of the Attorney-General, praying for an adjustment of his account of sundry sums of money received by him out of the public Treasury, for certain purposes, by virtue of certain resolves, and for which he is made accountable, report, that by a resolve, passed March 12th, 1811, the Attorney-General received one hundred dollars, and by virtue of two other resolves, passed March 12th, 1811, he received five hundred dollars more, the whole of which sums were placed in his hands to defray the necessary expenses of certain suits in the county of Middlesex, instituted by James Martin against Winslow Parker, Samson Woods, Lemuel Pitts, and a number of others, for recovery of certain lands, sold to the tenants by the Commonwealth, and that the necessary costs and expenses, incurred in all these suits, (amounting to seventeen) are six hundred and fifty dollars, leaving a balance due to the said Attorney-General, on that account, of fifty dollars. And the Committee further report, that the said Attorney-General, by virtue of another resolve, passed the 29th day of February, 1812, received from the public Treasury the sum of two hundred dollars, to enable him to meet and

defray the necessary expenses arising in three inquests of office, instituted by the late Attorney-General in behalf of the Commonwealth, against the Pejepscot proprietors, in the counties of Cumberland, Lincoln and Kennebec, and that his expenditures and costs in those three suits, amount to three hundred and thirty dollars, leaving a balance in favor of the Attorney-General, on that account, of one hundred and thirty dollars. The Committee further report, that in August, 1811, the Attorney-General was requested and employed by the Agents for the sale of eastern lands, to appear in behalf of the Commonwealth, in defence of a suit brought by J. Peirce against Seth Spring, a grantee of the Commonwealth, by said Agents for the sale of eastern lands, and that his fees and costs on that account, amount to fifty dollars more; which said sums together, amount to two hundred and thirty dollars; but that the Attorney-General has received, by virtue of a resolve, passed February 7, 1814, two bills of cost on two executions against Alfred Swift and Benjamin Walton, for judgments on scire facias, amounting to thirty-eight dollars and ninety-two cents, which he credits wholly to the Commonwealth, as he had before received his part of those bills of cost, from the Treasurer of the county of Cumberland; which being deducted from the said sum of two hundred and thirty dollars, leaves a balance due to the said Attorney-General of one hundred and ninety-one dollars and eight cents; whereupon, they report the following resolve, viz:—

*Resolved,* That there be allowed and paid out of the public Treasury, to Perez Morton, Esq. Attorney-General, the sum of one hundred and ninety-one dollars and eight cents, in full of all his expenditures, costs and services in the suits mentioned, and referred to in the several resolves passed the 27th day of February and 12th of March, 1811, and on the 29th day of February, 1812, and of the 7th of February, 1814, and in full of his services in defending the suit of Peirce against Spring; and that the said Attorney-General be, and he hereby is discharged of his responsibility for the several sums by him received, by virtue of the several resolves aforesaid; and his Excellency the Governor, with the advice and consent of the council, is hereby authorised and requested to draw his warrant on the Treasury for the said sum.

CHAP. CLXXXII.

*Resolve on the petition of the town of St. George, remitting six cents on \$1000 of their public taxes.*

25th February, 1815.

On the petition of the Selectmen of the town of St. George, setting forth, that in the settlement of the last valuation, the town of St. George was doomed by the Committee of valuation for sixty polls, and praying that the same may be remitted to said town ;

*Resolved*, That the town of St. George be, and they hereby are remitted six cents, on the sum of one thousand dollars, on all public taxes hereafter assessed on said town, until a new valuation.

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CHAP. CLXXXIII.

*Resolve for erecting a fire-proof building at Alfred.*

27th February, 1815.

*Resolved*, That on or before the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, there shall be erected and finished at Alfred, in the county of York, a fire proof building, for the purpose of keeping all the records of said county, as required by law ; and when said building shall have been so erected and finished, all the records and offices of said county required as aforesaid, shall be kept and held at Alfred aforesaid : *Provided*, That the present Register of Deeds of said county may hold his office in York, so long as he shall remain Register of Deeds as aforesaid : *Provided also*, That any Register of Deeds or county Treasurer of said county, who shall hereafter be chosen or appointed, may hold either of said offices at York, upon application to, and consent of, the Court of Sessions, so long as said Court may determine, in case said court should adjudge that the records can be kept there with safety.



CHAP. CLXXXIV.

*Resolve granting to Jonathan Warren, Jun. fifty dollars.*  
27th February, 1815.

On the petition of Jonathan Warren, Jun. of Weston ;  
*Resolved*, For reasons set forth in said petition, that there be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of this Commonwealth, to Jonathan Warren, Jun. the sum of fifty dollars, in full, for all claims against this Commonwealth.

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CHAP. CLXXXV.

*Report of the Committee on Bank returns, and resolve.*  
27th February, 1815.

The Committee, to whom was referred the returns from the several banks, having before reported, that there were either defective or no returns from the following banks, viz. Lincoln, Gloucester, Merrimack, Portland, Lynn, Mechanics, Springfield and Waterville, and recommended by way of resolve, that the Secretary of State be directed to call upon the said banks, to shew cause why prosecutions should not be instituted against them, for breaches of law, ask leave further to report, That since making their former report, the returns from the several banks aforesaid have been made, or completed where defective. Your Committee are therefore of opinion, for causes shewn by the several banks, that it is inexpedient to institute any prosecutions against the said banks, in conformity to the former report of your Committee. In order that the returns from the several banks, in future, may be made conformable to law, your Committee recommend the following resolve for the consideration of the Senate ;

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of this Commonwealth transmit, as soon as may be, to the several banks, incorporated within this Commonwealth, a copy of the law passed February 27th, 1813, requiring the Directors of the several banks to make returns of the state of their funds, on the first day of January and June, annually, together with the blank form

hereto annexed, in order that such returns may, in future, be made conformable to said law.

*Statement from the President and Directors of the Bank, made in conformity to a law of this Commonwealth.*

Capital Stock actually paid in.	Value of Real Estate.	Amount of all debts due.	Cash deposited.	Bills in circulation, including bills of 1, 2, and 3 dollars.	Gold, silver and other coined metals on hand.	Bills of other Banks incorporated by the State.	Bills of other Banks incorporated elsewhere.	Bills of 1, 2 and 3 dollars. In circulation.	Rate and amount of the last dividend of profits.	Amount of reserved profits.
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CHAP. CLXXXVI.

*Resolve granting fifty dollars for the gentleman who shall preach the next Election Sermon. 28th February, 1815.*

*Resolved,* That there be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of this Commonwealth, fifty dollars to the gentleman who shall preach the Election Sermon in May next.

CHAP. CLXXXVII.

*Resolve making a grant of two hundred and fifty dollars to the Messenger of the General Court. 28th February, 1815.*

*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 two hundred and fifty dollars, which, with the sum already allowed him, shall be in full for his services the present year, ending the thirtieth day of May next.

CHAP. CLXXXVIII.

*Resolve on the petition of Caleb Gannett, authorizing him to execute a deed to the proprietors of Middlesex Canal. 28th February, 1815.*

On the petition of Caleb Gannett, surviving Trustee of property, held for the use of the children of Lydia Hastings, under the will of Edmund Trowbridge, late of Cambridge, county of Middlesex, Esq. deceased, to execute deed or deeds to the proprietors of the Middlesex Canal;

*Resolved*, For reasons set forth in said petition, that Caleb Gannett, of Cambridge, county of Middlesex, Esq. surviving trustee as aforesaid, be, and he is hereby authorized and empowered to make and execute a deed or deeds, to the proprietors of the Middlesex Canal, of the several pieces of land by them appropriated, or taken for the use of said Canal, which were a portion of the property held in trust, as aforesaid; and to acquit and discharge said proprietors from all claims and demands, on account of said lands taken as aforesaid, and in consideration of such sum or sums as may be agreed on by the parties, which sum or sums shall be appropriated according to the trust aforesaid.

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CHAP. CLXXXIX.

*Resolve allowing pay to John Low, Jun. assistant Messenger of the House of Representatives.*  
1st March, 1815.

*Resolved*, That there be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of this Commonwealth, to John Low, Jun. assistant Messenger of the House of Representatives, one hundred and ten dollars in full for his services in that capacity, during the present session of the General Court.

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CHAP. CXC.

*Resolve allowing pay to Theron Metcalf, Esq. Reporter of contested Elections.* 1st March, 1815.

*Resolved*, That there be allowed and paid out of the public Treasury, to Theron Metcalf, Esq. Reporter of contested Elections, three hundred and sixty dollars, for his services during the last and present session of the General Court, and also for his procuring and superintending the publication of all the reports of the Committee on contested elections, since a reporter has been employed; and distributing the same to the several towns in this Commonwealth.

## CHAP. CXCI.

*Resolve on the Quarter-Master-General's accounts, and appropriation for his department. 1st March, 1815.*

*Resolved,* That Amasa Davis, Esq. Quarter-Master-General, be, and he hereby is discharged from the sum of eighteen thousand five hundred and fifty-seven dollars and twenty-six cents, which he expended the year past, including fifteen hundred dollars for his salary for one year, ending on the seventeenth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, and including also six hundred eighty-nine dollars and fifty cents, in full, for clerk hire for his office to the first day of March, in the year aforesaid, out of the sums he has received the year past by warrants on the Treasurer.

*Resolved,* That the sum of two thousand fifty-seven dollars and  $\frac{2}{3}$  be paid to the said Amasa Davis, Esq. from the Treasury of this Commonwealth, as the balance of his account.

*Resolved,* That the sum of ten thousand dollars be paid to the Quarter-Master-General, from the Treasury of this Commonwealth, to meet the expenses of his department the ensuing year; for the application of which, said Quarter-Master-General is to be accountable; and his Excellency the Governor is requested to issue his warrant on the Treasury for the amount, in such sums and at such periods, as his Excellency, with the advice of Council, may deem expedient for the public service.

## CHAP. CXCII.

*Resolve on the petition of William Goodwin, allowing him seventy-six dollars and seventy-five cents, for folding, &c. Jenkins' Art of Writing. 1st March, 1815.*

*Resolved,* That there be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of this Commonwealth, to William Goodwin, the sum of seventy-six dollars and seventy-five cents, in full for folding and placing the plates in twelve hundred copies of Jenkins' Art of Writing, belonging to this Commonwealth.

## CHAP. CXCIIL.

*Resolve authorizing the Treasurer to borrow money of the State Bank. 1st March, 1815.*

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer of this Commonwealth be, and he hereby is authorised and directed to borrow of the State Bank, any sum or sums of money, not exceeding fifty thousand dollars, that may at any time within the present year be wanted for the payment of the ordinary demands made on the Treasury, and that he repay any sum he may borrow as soon as money sufficient for that purpose, and not otherwise appropriated, shall be received into the Treasury.

*Be it further resolved*, That the Treasurer be, and he hereby is authorized and empowered, in the name and behalf of the Commonwealth, at any time or times before the first day of July next, to require of the State Bank the loan of any sum or sums of money, not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars, that may be necessary, in the opinion of his Excellency the Governor, finally to accomplish the purposes of the resolve passed by this Legislature, on the 14th day of June last, “for the defence, protection and security of this Commonwealth, or any part thereof.”

*Be it further resolved*, That in case the State Bank shall refuse to loan any sum of money required of them, by virtue of the foregoing resolves, the Treasurer be, and he hereby is authorized and empowered to borrow of any other bank or banks, which by the provisions of their charter are obliged to loan to the Commonwealth, any sum of money not exceeding the amount authorised to be borrowed of the State Bank, by the aforesaid resolves.

*Be it further resolved*, That his Excellency the Governor be, and he hereby is authorised and empowered from time to time, to draw his warrants on the Treasury, for such sums of money, as may be necessary to complete the objects and purposes of the said resolve of the 14th day of June, 1814.

## CHAP. CXCIV.

*Resolve on the representation of the Solicitor-General relative to lands mortgaged to the State by Leonard Jarvis, Esq. authorizing the Governor therein. 1st March, 1815.*

Upon the representation of the Solicitor-General, stating, that several valuable tracts of land, situated in the towns of Penobscot, Surrey and Ellsworth, which were mortgaged to the Commonwealth by the late Leonard Jarvis, Esq. require to be partially or wholly surveyed, and the number of settlers thereon, with the nature of their several claims, properly and correctly ascertained, before the Commonwealth can recover possession of said lands by suits at law;

*Resolved,* For reasons set forth in said representation, that his Excellency the Governor be, and he is hereby authorized and requested, by and with the advice of the honorable Council, to appoint an Agent on behalf of the Commonwealth, whose duty it shall be to cause an accurate survey, as far as may be necessary, of the said several tracts of land mortgaged to the Commonwealth, by the said Jarvis, to be taken as soon as may be, and whose duty it shall also be to investigate the title of the Commonwealth to the said mortgaged lands, and to ascertain the number of persons now in possession of any part of said tracts of land; together with the nature of their several titles or claims to the lands, of which they may be found to be in possession, if any, and to make report of his doings in the premises to his Excellency the Governor, as soon as may be.

*And be it further resolved,* That the sum of two hundred dollars be allowed and advanced, out of the Treasury of the said Commonwealth to the Agent, to be appointed as aforesaid, to enable him to carry the provisions of this resolve into effect; he, the said Agent, to be accountable for the same, and to render an account of the expenditure thereof to his Excellency the Governor, at the time the said Agent shall make his report, as is herein before provided. And his Excellency the Governor is hereby requested to draw his warrant upon the Treasurer of the Commonwealth for the aforesaid sum of two hundred dollars.

CHAP. CXCV.

*Resolve for paying the Chaplains of the General Court.*  
1st March, 1815.

*Resolved*, That there be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of this Commonwealth, to the Rev. Dr. John Lathrop, Chaplain of the Senate, and to the Rev. Samuel Cary, Chaplain of the House of Representatives, seventy-five dollars each, in full for their services in said office, the present political year, there having been, during said year, three sessions of the General Court.

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CHAP. CXCVI.

*Resolve making allowance to the Clerks of the Senate and House of Representatives.* 1st March, 1815.

*Resolved*, That there be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of this Commonwealth, to Samuel F. McCleary, Clerk of the Senate, the sum of four hundred dollars; to Benjamin Pollard, Clerk of the House of Representatives, the sum of four hundred dollars; to Robert C. Vose, assistant Clerk of the Senate, the sum of three hundred dollars, in full, for their respective services in the capacities aforesaid, during the present session of the General Court.

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CHAP. CXCVII.

*Resolve allowing extra pay to the Assistants of the Messenger of the General Court.* 1st March, 1815.

*Resolved*, That there be allowed and paid out of the public Treasury of this Commonwealth, to Warren Chase, Henry Bacon, and Lewis Low, assistants to the Messenger of the General Court, one dollar per day each, during the present session of the Legislature, in addition to the usual allowance of two dollars per day.

### CHAP. CXCVIII.

*Resolve for paying Isaac Adams, Assistant to the Messenger of the Governor and Council. 1st March, 1815.*

*Resolved,* That there be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of this Commonwealth, to Isaac Adams, two dollars and fifty cents, for each and every day he has been employed by his Excellency the Governor, and the honorable Council, as assistant to their Messenger, during the present session of the Council.

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### CHAP. CXCIX.

*Resolve making allowance to the Page of the House of Representatives. 1st March, 1815.*

*Resolved* That there be paid out of the Treasury of this Commonwealth, to the Messenger, to be by him paid over to Joseph Francis, one dollar and twenty five cents per day, for each day he the said Francis shall have attended as Page to the House of Representatives the present session of the General Court.

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### CHAP. CC.

*Resolve making provision for the adjournment of the next term of the Circuit Court of Common Pleas, to be holden within the county of Hancock, and for other purposes. 1st March, 1815.*

*Resolved,* That if at the next term of the Circuit Court of Common Pleas, to be holden at Castine, within and for the county of Hancock, on the second Tuesday of April next, none of the Justices of said Court shall attend, so that it shall be necessary to adjourn said Court, the Sheriff of said county, or any of his deputies, by him specially authorized, shall adjourn the same to Bangor, in said county, there to be holden on the third Tuesday of April aforesaid.

*Be it further resolved,* That if such adjournment shall be



made, all writs and processes, and all other precepts, original and judicial, which are or may be returnable to the said Circuit Court of Common Pleas, to be holden by law at Castine, shall, and may be entered at said adjourned term of said Court, to be holden at Bangor as aforesaid, and such proceedings shall be had thereon, as if the same were originally, pursuant to law, made returnable to said adjourned term of said Court, and all attachments shall have the same effect, as they would have had if said Court had not been adjourned.

*Resolved*, That the Sheriff of said county, or either of his deputies, or any Constable of any town in said county, is hereby authorized to commit to the gaol in Augusta, in the county of Kennebeck, any person who may in due course of law, be in his or their custody, and the said gaol in Augusta shall, in case of such commitment, be considered to all intents a lawful gaol or prison therefor, and it is hereby made the duty of the keeper thereof to receive therein and deal with such person accordingly.

*Resolved*, That all deeds and other instruments for the conveyance, security or defeazance of real estate and all executions levied upon real estate, or upon the rents or profits thereof, and all depositions taken in *perpetuam rei memoriam*, which ought by law to be recorded in any Registry of Deeds for either of the counties of Hancock or Washington, may be filed either in the office for the Registry of Deeds, within the north district of the county of Hancock, or that in the county of Kennebeck, and a certificate of the Register of such office that they are so filed, shall have the same effect, from the day of the date thereof, as the due filing and recording of the same would have had before the passing of this resolve: *Provided always however*, that all such deeds and other instruments, executions and depositions, which may be so filed and certified as aforesaid, and also that all deeds and other instruments, executions and depositions, which may have been duly filed and certified, pursuant to a resolve hereafter specified, passed during the last session of this General Court, shall within one month after the end of the next session of the next General Court, be duly filed and recorded, pursuant to the laws of this Commonwealth, in the office of the Registry of Deeds at Castine.

*Be it further resolved*, That this resolve, and also a resolve bearing the same title as this resolve, passed on the

nineteenth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, except so far as the same relates to the Circuit Court of Common Pleas aforesaid, shall both remain in force until the end of the next session of the next General Court, and no longer.

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## CHAP. CCI.

*Resolve regulating the tax of the town of Phillips, in the county of Somerset. 1st March, 1815.*

Whereas by the valuation, which was settled on the thirtieth day of January, 1812, the plantation No. 3, between Kennebec and Androscoggin rivers, was assessed by the Committee of valuation as belonging to the county of Oxford;

And whereas it appears that the same plantation was assessed by said Committee of valuation in the county of Somerset, by the name of Curvo plantation, and that the same plantation was on the 25th day of February, 1812, incorporated into a town by the name of Phillips, in the county of Somerset;

*Therefore resolved*, That the township No. 3, between Kennebec and Androscoggin rivers, in the county of Oxford, be stricken out of the valuation, and that in all future taxes to be levied the plantation of Curvo, in the county of Somerset (being the same as plantation No. 3, above mentioned,) shall be taxed by the name of Phillips; and the Treasurer of this Commonwealth, and of the county of Somerset, shall issue their warrants for the assessing and collecting of state and county taxes accordingly.

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## CHAP. CCII.

*Resolve referring the account of Capt. Skillings, and other officers of the Sea Fencibles, in Boston, to the Board of War. 1st March, 1815.*

Upon the petition of Nehemiah W. Skillings, and others, officers of the corps of Sea Fencibles, in the town of Boston, praying for compensation for certain munitions of war

by them expended the year past, in experimental gunnery;

*Resolved*, That the Board of War be, and they are hereby authorised to receive the accounts of said Skillings, and other officers in said corps, and make such allowance thereon as they may deem just and reasonable.

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### CHAP. CCIH.

*Resolve authorizing the Referees, appointed by the Attorney-General and the Pejepscot proprietors to report to the Supreme Judicial Court.* 1st March, 1815.

*Resolved*, That the Referees, authorized to be chosen by the Attorney-General and the Pejepscot proprietors, or those claiming under them, by virtue of a resolve passed on the 14th day of June last, be, and they are hereby authorised to make their report to the Supreme Judicial Court, to be holden within and for either of the counties in the Commonwealth, any thing in the resolve authorizing said reference to the contrary, notwithstanding: *Provided*, that said Referees shall give seasonable notice to the Attorney-General and Josiah Little, Esq. Agent for the Pejepscot proprietors, of the term of said Court, to which said report will be made.

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### CHAP. CCIV.

*Resolve on the petition of William Tuttle, and granting him twenty dollars.* 1st March, 1815.

On the petition of William Tuttle, of Lynn, in the county of Essex, labourer;

*Resolved*, For the reasons set forth in said petition, that there be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of this Commonwealth, the sum of twenty dollars, to the said William Tuttle, who served as a soldier in the revolutionary war, in lieu of two hundred acres of land, which sum was granted as an equivalent for the said land, by a resolve of the Legislature, passed March 5th, 1801, and that his Excellency the Governor be requested to grant a warrant on the Treasury accordingly.

CHAP. CCV.

*Resolve granting pay to the Committee on Accounts.*  
2d March, 1815.

*Resolved,* That there be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of this Commonwealth, to the Committee appointed to examine and pass on Accounts, presented against this Commonwealth, for their attendance on that service, during the preceding as well as the present session, the sums annexed to their names respectively, in addition to their pay as members of the Legislature :

Hon. Silas Holman fifty-eight days,	\$ 58
Hon. Joseph Whiton forty-four days,	44
Daniel Howard fifty-eight days,	58
James Robinson fifty-eight days,	58
Alford Richardson thirty-five days,	35

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*Resolve granting two hundred and fifty dollars to Thomas Wallcut.* 2d March, 1815.

*Resolved,* That there be allowed and paid out of the public Treasury, to Thomas Wallcut, a Clerk in the Lobbies, for the assistance of the members of the Legislature, two hundred and fifty dollars, in full for his services during the present session of the General Court.

**ROLL No. 72.....January, 1815.**

**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 respectively submitted.

**SILAS HOLMAN, *Per order.***

***PAUPER ACCOUNTS.***

Augusta, for board and doctoring John Morgan, to 2d January, 1815,	30 35
Adams, for board, clothing, doctoring and nursing sundry paupers, to January, 1815,	268 33
Arundel, for board, clothing, and nursing Henry Rolf, to 1st January, 1815,	88
Alford, for support of Hammson Sampson, to 6th January, 1815,	10 55
Attleborough, for supplies furnished Peggy and Eliza Taylor, to 20th January, 1815,	98 34
Abington, for board and clothing Thomas Seymore, to 14th February, 1815,	52 50
Amesbury, for support of Aquila Goodwin's wife, and three children, to 5th September, 1814,	52
Baldwin, for board and clothing Daniel Hickey, to 1st January, 1815,	67 20
Boothbay, for board and clothing Henry Green, to 12th January, 1815,	28 8
Belfast, for board and clothing the wife of Robert Rogers, and children, to 1st January, 1815,	90
Barnardstown, for board and clothing Oliver Ste- vens, to 27th January, 1815,	45 81
Brimfield, for board and clothing John Christian and Robert Campbell, to 20th January, 1815,	78
Belchertown, for the support of Phœbe Butler, to 10th January, 1815,	29 70

Becket, for board, clothing and doctoring sundry paupers, to 23d January, 1815,	146 8
Boxford, for board and clothing Mehitable Hall, to 14th January, 1815,	62
Bradford, for board and clothing Joshua Alslar, to 1st January, 1815,	42 39
Bridgewater, for board and clothing sundry paupers to 5th February, 1815,	96 65
Bradford, Samuel, keeper of the gaol in Suffolk, for support of sundry poor prisoners, to 21st December, 1814,	283 50
Belgrade, for board of Abigail Odlin, to 8th January, 1815,	29 5
Barre, for support of sundry paupers, to 25th January, 1815,	15 40
Beverly, for board and clothing sundry paupers, to 1st January, 1815,	446 72
Berwick, for supporting Lemuel Woodsworth, to 12th April, 1814,	15 70
Board of Health, Boston, for supporting sundry paupers, and repairs of schooner Trimmer, to February, 1815,	253 20
Bristol, for support of sundry paupers, to January, 1815,	175 25
Billerica, for supplies to James Ingalls, to 19th February, 1814,	12 84
Boston, for board and clothing sundry paupers, to 1st December, 1814,	6693 92
Colerain, for board and clothing sundry paupers, to 11th January, 1815,	113 12
Charlton, for board, clothing and doctoring Edward Maden, till his death, 11th November, 1814,	66 64
Cushing, for board and clothing James Walker, to 17th January, 1815,	43 88
Chester, for board and clothing Benjamin Powers, to 17th January, 1815,	52 68
Cummington, for supplies to sundry paupers till their removal and death,	78
Camden, for board, clothing and nursing John Bloom, to 1st February, 1815,	72
Cambridge, for board, clothing and doctoring sundry paupers, to 20th January, 1815,	297

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Chesterfield, for board and clothing sundry paupers, to 21st January, 1815,	138 97
Cape Elizabeth, for supporting James Ramsbottom, to 25th December, 1814,	48
Concord, for board and clothing Case, to 6th February, 1815,	78
Chelmsford, for board and clothing sundry paupers, to 1st January, 1815,	116 60
Carlisle, for board and clothing Robert Barbour, to 8th January, 1815,	67 10
Charlestown, for board, clothing and doctoring sundry paupers, to 11th February, 1815,	336 61
Dresden, for board and clothing John Culling, to 1st January, 1815,	65 28
Dartmouth, for board and nursing William Briggs till his death,	44 97
Dorchester, for board and clothing John Harrison and Thomas Wyman, to 30th January, 1815,	96
Duxbury, for board and doctoring Henry Edwards till his death, and Thomas Gaffagan, till he left the town,	60
Dedham, for board of Robert Clew, to 6th April, and Eliza Smith and daughter, till they left the town,	27 18
Dracut, for support of Richard Baker, to 1st February, 1815,	62
Danvers, for board and clothing sundry paupers, to 7th February, 1815,	1036 98
Egremont, for board and clothing Mary Dailey and her children, to 14th January, 1815,	315
Elliot, for board and clothing Jacob Brewer and Abigail Randall, to 21st January, 1815,	80 23
Falmouth, (Barnstable county,) for support of Edward Edwards, to 19th January, 1815,	26
Friendship, board, clothing and nursing Martha Bigmore, to 20th January, 1815,	167
Franklin, for board, clothing and doctoring Thomas Barre, to 13th February, 1815,	81
Fayette, for board and clothing William G. Martin, to 1st January, 1815,	67 20
Framingham, for support of William Taggett, to 24th August, 1814,	3 79

Falmouth, (Cumberland county,) for support of Felician Sang, to 8th January, 1815,	78 38
Fairhaven, for board and nursing John Francis, to 28th April, 1814,	26 80
Groton, for board, clothing and doctoring sundry paupers, to 10th January, 1815,	450
Goshen, for board of Sarah Horsford, till her death, June, 1814,	6
Granby, for board, clothing and doctoring Ebenezer Darwin, to 22d January, 1815,	70 2
Greenwich, for board, clothing and doctoring sundry paupers, to 14th January, 1815,	167 81
Grafton, for board and clothing Isaac Newman, to 10th January, 1815,	17 66
Granville, for board, clothing, doctoring and nursing sundry paupers, to 1st January, 1815,	131 60
Greenfield, for board, clothing and doctoring Unice Convers, M. Tollis, and sundry poor prisoners, to 1st January, 1815,	196 14
Gill, for board and clothing Sarah Hamilton, Samuel Lyon and wife, to 28th January, 1815,	144 40
Gorham, for support of Robert Gilfilling, to 1st February, 1815,	52 50
Gloucester, for board and clothing sundry paupers, to 10th November, 1814,	957 78
Great Barrington, for board, clothing and doctoring sundry paupers, to 9th January, 1815,	327 96
Hancock, for board and clothing Rebecca Osborn, to 6th January, 1815,	56 80
Holland, for board and clothing Jonathan Hill, to 13th January, 1815,	67
Hopkinton, for board of Dinah, a black woman, to 6th February, 1815,	57 20
Hallowell, for board and clothing sundry paupers, to 31st December, 1814,	310 44
Hodgkins, Joseph, (keeper of the House of Correction, county of Essex,) for board and clothing sundry insane persons, to 31st January, 1815, including allowance as keeper, made by Court of Sessions,	519 40
Hadley, for board and doctoring Friday Allen and wife, to 6th January, 1815, and Mary Sampson, till her death,	140 36



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Hutson, John, (goaler of Essex,) for support of sundry poor prisoners, to 3d December, 1814,	202 28
Hingham, for supplies to Ottawell Warrell and family, to 6th February, 1815,	60
Haverhill, for board of William Tapley and Ed- ward Welsh, to 1st January, 1815,	94 33
Ipswich, for board and clothing sundry paupers, to 1st February, 1815,	408 79
Kittery, for board, clothing and doctoring Deborah Berks and Sarah Perkins and child, to 1st Jan- uary, 1815,	146
Kingston, for supplies to Elizabeth Kenney and two children, to 14th January, 1815,	15
Leeds, for board and clothing Nicholas Tallier, to 31st December, 1814,	99
Lincolnvillc, for board and clothing sundry pau- pers, to 1st January, 1815,	125 60
Lanesborough, for board and clothing sundry pau- pers, to 1st January, 1815,	265 84
Lee, for board and clothing sundry paupers, to 12th January, 1815,	240 30
Lenox, for board, clothing and nursing sundry pau- pers, to 25th January, 1815,	212 38
Litchfield, for board and clothing Daniel Hower and Hannah Taylor's two children, to 1st Jan- uary, 1815,	133 90
Littleton, for board and clothing John Putnam to 11th February, 1815, and Anthony Williams till his death,	69 84
Longmeadow, for board and clothing Richard Woolworth and Peter Duncan, to 24th 1815,	50 48
Lancaster, for board and doctoring Dexter Clark, and William Shearer, to 20th May, 1814,	143 25
Leyden, for board, clothing and doctoring Stacy Fuller, Elizabeth Wagner and Ruth Abel, to 16th January, 1815,	92
Lunenburg, for board, clothing and doctoring Fe- lix Tool to the time of his death,	41
Lynn, for board and clothing sundry paupers, to 8th February, 1815,	780 96

Mount Vernon, for board and clothing William Basford and William Ham, to 16th January, 1815,	42 43
Monson, for board, nursing and doctoring Thomas Brown, to 16th January, 1815, and James Lyde till his death,	120 72
Methuen, for board and doctoring Nancy Hale, to 14th January, 1815,	28 77
Montague, for board, clothing and doctoring Joshua Searle, to 25th January, 1815,	65 71
Milford, for board, clothing and doctoring sundry paupers, to 30th January, 1815,	124 39
Manchester, for support of Abraham Glon, to 24th January, 1815,	30 50
Minot, for support of Philip Weeks, to 1st February, 1815,	81
Machias, for board and clothing sundry paupers, to 1st January, 1815,	191 28
Milton, for board and clothing Alexander Theophilus, to 11th October, 1814,	47
Middleboro', for board and clothing John Fitzgerald and Betsey White, to 10th January, 1815,	127
Marblehead, for board and clothing sundry paupers, to 6th February, 1815,	279 1
Newry, for board and clothing William Burt, to 2d January, 1815,	50 69
Northampton, for board, clothing, doctoring and nursing sundry paupers, to 15th January, 1815,	381 50
New Castle, for board, doctoring and nursing John Coughfran, and William Coughfran a child, to 25th, 1815,	77 20
Norwich, for board and clothing Daniel Williams, to 23d January, 1815,	40 50
New Gloucester, for board and clothing Joseph Gregory, to 31st December,	47 56
Nantucket, for support of sundry paupers, to 1st January, 1815,	103 39
Newbury, for board and clothing sundry paupers, to 1st January, 1815,	1588 20
Newburyport, for board and clothing sundry paupers to 1st January, 1815,	2347 1
Overseers of Marshpee Indians, for support of sundry paupers, to 1st January, 1815,	493 20

Paris, for board of Benaiah Dow, to 18th March, 1815,	4 50
Palmer, for board, clothing and doctoring William and Phebe Mendon, to 5th January, 1815,	134 27
Peru, for board, clothing and nursing James and Olive Robbins, to 25th January, 1815,	104 10
Pittsfield, for board, clothing and doctoring sundry paupers, to 1st January, 1815	350 36
Parsonsfield, for support of Lucy Miles, to 15th January, 1815,	26
Prospect, for board and clothing Ann Hinds, to 1st January, 1815,	56
Plymouth, for board, clothing and doctoring sundry paupers, to 22d January, 1815,	533 98
Portland, for board and clothing sundry paupers, to 1st January, 1815,	1085 73
Quincy, for board and clothing William Olifante and D. Wright's wife, to 23d January, 1815,	86
Randolph, for board and doctoring Benjamin Cantrol, and supplies to William Reed, to 9th June, 1814,	15 50
Rutland, for board, clothing and doctoring William Henderson, to 1st January, 1815, and John Lowland till his death,	87 30
Roxbury, for board, clothing and doctoring sundry paupers, to 3d January, 1815,	352 99
Rehoboth, for board, clothing and doctoring sundry paupers, to 1st January, 1815,	345 18
Rowley, for board, clothing and nursing Benning Dow and Anna Collins, to 1st January, 1815,	117 80
Reedfield, for board, clothing and doctoring Edward Burgis and Coten Comerans, to 29th December, 1814,	137
Standish, for board, clothing and doctoring Ellis Noble till her death,	51
Shelburne, for boarding and nursing Mary Bates, to 14th January, 1815,	69 84
Sterling, for board, clothing and doctoring Jemima Pike, to 14th January, 1815, and Delina Proctor to the time of her death,	91 56
Spencer, for board and clothing John Larnder, to 6th January, 1815,	67 32

Seconk, for board, clothing and doctoring George S. Boyd, to 20th April, 1814,	75 65
Sandisfield, for board of Richard Dickson and wife, to 19th January, 1815,	34
Stockbridge, for board, clothing and doctoring sundry paupers, to 6th December, 1814,	316 13
Sutton, for board and clothing Isabella Santee's children, to January, 1815,	95 21
Sheffield, for board, clothing and doctoring Hannah Row, to 20th December, 1814, and Hammond till he left the town,	100 78
Sherburne, for board of Benjamin Horton, to 29th January, 1815,	52
Saco, for board and doctoring Jane Young to 11th November, 1814, with her two children,	48 5
Savoy, for board, doctoring and nursing John M. Symonds, to 30th August, 1814,	40 18
Swansey, for board and clothing Garret Barnes and James Garnett, to 21st January, 1815,	87 75
St. George, for board of Robert Hawes to 2d February, 1815,	57 20
Scituate, for board, clothing and doctoring John Williams and Peter Powers, to 14th February, 1815,	68 92
Southwick, for board of George Reed, to 1st January, 1815,	51 59
Shrewsbury, for board and clothing Leander Taylor, to 25th January, 1815,	30 16
South Berwick, for support of Lemuel Woods-worth to 23d January, 1815,	52 5
Sandwich, for board, clothing and doctoring Richard Cranch, to 4th January, 1815, and James Islesly to the time of his death,	121 85
Sturbridge, for board, clothing and doctoring Londonderry, to 1st January, 1815,	32
Sudbury, for board and clothing John Weighton, to 12th February, 1815,	88
Shirley, for board, clothing and doctoring sundry paupers, to 29th January, 1815,	176 64
Stoneham for board and clothing the wife of John Crevy an Indian to 2d May, 1814,	21 28
Salem for board and clothing sundry paupers, to 1st January, 1815,	1810 29

Tyringham, for board and clothing Ralph Way, to 1st January, 1815,	77 60
Thomastown, for board and clothing John Ander- son to 12th January, 1815,	67 20
Topsham, for board and clothing John Duggin, to 28th January, 1815,	72
Taunton, for board and clothing sundry paupers, to 1st January, 1815,	185 20
Uxbridge for support of sundry paupers, to the 14th February 1815,	106 58
Vassalborough, for boarding Abigail Fairbrother, to 16th January, 1815,	11 97
Windsor, for board, clothing and doctoring Hen- ry Smith and wife, to 18th January, 1815,	81 29
Winthrop, for board, clothing and doctoring Wil- liam Gaskell and Olive Howard, to 4th Janua- ry, 1815,	152 15
Washington, for board and clothing Richard Rig- by, to 19th January, 1815,	45 10
Walpole, for supporting Nancy Hernes, to 24th Jan- uary, 1815,	54 23
Wiscasset, for board, clothing and doctoring sun- dry paupers, to 21st January, 1815,	136 13
Warren, for board of William Mearman and Han- nah Ames, to 4th January, 1814,	101
West Stockbridge, for board, clothing and doctor- ing Lucy Lanes, John V. Arden and James C. Biggs, to 1st January, 1815,	124 17
Williamstown, for board, clothing and doctoring sundry paupers, to 19th January, 1815,	322 71
Westfield, for board and clothing sundry paupers, to 30th December, 1814,	143 75
Westford, for board, clothing and doctoring Chris- topher Shepard, to 15th 1815,	78
West Springfield, for board, clothing and doctor- ing sundry paupers, to 8th January, 1815,	204 8
Wilbraham, for board and clothing William M. Dunn, to 6th January, 1815,	63
Worcester, for board and clothing sundry paupers, to 1st January, 1815,	209 14
West Hampton, for board and clothing John Gay and wife, to 1st January, 1815,	213 63

Watertown, for board and supplies for Nicholas Johnson and Deborah Barnes, to 1st January, 1815,	105 23
Woburn, for board and clothing James Cade, to 10th March, 1814,	4
York, for board, clothing and nursing sundry paupers, to 1st February, 1815,	518 4
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Total paupers,	\$ 36,228 43

### MILITARY ACCOUNTS.

#### *Courts Martial and Courts of Inquiry.*

Carter, Solomon, for the expense of a Court Martial, holden at Grafton, in November, 1814, whereof Colonel Leonard Burbank was President,	274 1
Goodwin, M. John, for the expenses of a Court Martial, holden at Bridgewater, in August, 1814, whereof Colonel Shepard Leach was President,	174 26
Hubbel, Calvin, for the expense of a Court Martial, holden in June, 1814, whereof Colonel Hyde was President,	75 67
Hubbel, Calvin, for the expense of a Court of Inquiry, holden at Pittsfield, in September, 1814, whereof Major Erastus Rowley was President,	35 62
Hight, William, for the expense of a Court of Inquiry, holden at York, in November, 1814, whereof Colonel Paul Lewis was President,	84 6
King, C. James, for the expense of a Court Martial, holden at Salem, in November, 1814, whereof Colonel Coleman was President,	377 59
King, C. James, for the expense of a Court Martial, holden at Gloucester, in August, 1814, whereof Colonel Samuel Brimlecom was President,	255 83
Osgood, Francis, for the expense of a Court of Inquiry, holden at Portland, in September, 1814, whereof Colonel E. Foxcroft was President,	96 65
Thayer, M. Samuel, for the expense of a Court of Inquiry, holden at Weymouth, in October, 1814, whereof Major James Thayer was President,	98 67

Thayer, M. Samuel, for the expense of a Court Martial, holden at Quincy, in February, 1815, whereof Colonel Daniel Messenger was President,	229 86
Tainter, Harvey, for his travel and attendance as Marshal of a Court Martial, holden in Brookfield, in February, 1814, whereof Colonel Salem Towne, Jun. was President, omitted in pay roll through mistake,	8 40
Woods, Sampson, for the expense of a Court Martial, holden at Groton, in July, 1814, whereof Colonel John Russell was President,	271 65
Brooks, John, Adjutant-General, for the expenses of a Court Martial, holden at Becket, in November, 1814, whereof General Isaac Maltby was President,	258 15
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	\$ 2,240 42

*Brigade-Majors and Aids-de-Camp.*

Conkey, Ithamer, to 30th September, 1814,	42
Carter, Solomon, to 6th December, 1814,	38 51
Fisher, Jacob, to 30th July, 1814,	39 57
Estate of Gamwell, Samuel, to 20th August, 1813,	4 50
Howard, Samuel, to 6th January, 1815,	235 94
Hubbard, Russell, to 1st January, 1815,	16
Jaques, Samuel, to 9th January, 1815,	82
Knap, L. Samuel, to 6th October, 1814,	21 85
Porter, Moses, to 9th January, 1815,	16 50
Peabody, David, to 25th January, 1815,	34 75
Page, Samuel, to 24th January, 1815,	142 64
Thayer, M. Samuel, to 25th January, 1815,	92 40
Tilden, P. Bryant, to 28th February, 1815,	45 37
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	\$ 812 3

*Brigade Quarter-Masters.*

Bartol, Barnabas, to 1st October, 1814,	18 21
Blanchard, B. John, to 1st October, 1814,	25 75
Coffin, Nathaniel, to 1st January, 1815,	94 17
Failes, C. Samuel, to 1st October, 1814,	21 73
Green, H. Reuben, to 1st January, 1815,	16 27

Garrett, Andrew, to 1st January, 1815,	15 84
Hobart, Thomas, to 1st January, 1815,	49 31
How, Thomas, to 1st January, 1815,	29 51
Lewis, Lyman, to 1st January, 1815,	26 92
Roberts, L. Charles, to 1st January, 1815,	10 38
Nichols, Thomas to 1st January, 1815,	92 3
Osgood James, to 1st January, 1815,	17 66
Peabody, David to 1st January, 1815,	27 32
Partridge-Theodore, to 1st January, 1815,	35 78
Pollard, Oliver, to 1st January, 1815,	16 62
Robertson, Jesse, to 1st January, 1815,	59 67
Rosseter, Samuel, to 1st January, 1815,	17 48
Ripley W. James, to 1st January, 1815,	40 85
Talmadge, Josiah, to 1st January, 1815,	16 21
Thomas, Nathaniel, to 1st January, 1815,	9 64
Walker, Timothy, to 1st January, 1815,	28 72

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\$ 640 7

### *Adjutants.*

Allen, C. Shobel, to 25th April, 1814,	22 98
Burnham, Enoch, to 2d January, 1815,	10 55
Brown, Thomas, to 26th December, 1814,	11 79
Brigham Asa, to 11th October, 1813,	45 39
Bourne, Abner, to 2d February, 1815,	80 75
Callender, Benjamin, to 23d January, 1815,	11 13
Crowell, Michael, to 20th August, 1814,	26 40
Champney, John, to 4th February, 1815,	118 25
Carr, Jun. Francis, to 1st September, 1814,	25 17
Cobb, G. W. David, to 25th August, 1814,	51 83
Delano, Gideon, to 3d February, 1815,	14 89
Fairbanks Stephen, to 3d February, 1815,	64 35
Fales, David, to 18th January, 1815,	8 75
Hyde, Zena, to 18th January, 1815,	69 46
Hunton, E. Jonathan, to 14th January, 1815,	36 52
Hasley, Jun. Daniel, to 23d December, 1814,	30 84
Hudson, R. John, to 14th January, 1815,	17
Hamilton Abial, to 27th December, 1814,	35 2
Heald, Jun. Josiah, to 1st October, 1814,	6 55
Harrington, Joseph, to 11th October, 1814,	57 4
Haskins, Abijah, to 2d July, 1814,	3 94



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Jaques, Henry, to 23d August, 1814,	34 75
Lyman, George, to 18th January, 1815,	43 73
Lakeman, James, to 1st January, 1815,	16 25
Leonard, B. Ezekiel, to 6th July, 1814,	11 31
Munroe, Benjamin, to 1st December, 1814,	27 72
Munroe, Reuben, to 10th August, 1813,	8 85
Giles, C. Kellog, to 1st November, 1814,	22 63
Nason, L. to 1st February, 1815,	24 50
Neel, G. John, to 1st February, 1815,	29 57
Parker, Henry, to 29th September, 1814,	25 97
Poor, Nathan, to 31st December, 1814,	17 30
Phillips, Liscom, to 1st October, 1814,	5 75
Rockwell, Usal, to 6th October, 1814,	20 58
Riley, Jun. Samuel, to 4th October, 1814,	11 3
Richardson, Wyman, to 15th November, 1814,	40 92
Sever, John, to 27th October, 1814,	84 70
Spring, Josiah, to 20th January, 1815,	8 27
Sprague, Roswell, to 3d February, 1815,	22 3
Stone, Hosea, to 4th November, 1814,	17 5
Sewall, William, to 1st November 1814,	61 75
Shepard, Robert, to 10th December, 1813,	36 29
Taft, Hazelton, to 2d January, 1815,	35 37
Tainter, Harvey, to 21st September, 1814,	17 19
True William, to 7th January, 1815,	7 87
Truefant, Seth, to 7th October, 1814,	43 53
Tucker, Seth, to 30th January, 1815,	59 50
Weld, Jonathan, to 10th February, 1815,	142 85
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	\$1,595 86

## *Expenses for Horses to haul Artillery.*

Acock, William, to 14th January, 1815,	7
Carter, Nehemiah, to 17th January, 1815,	5
Davis, Jun. William, to 9th January, 1815,	6
Derby, Benjamin, to 21st January, 1815,	7 50
Elwell, Abiel, to 13th January, 1815,	5
Gleason, Joseph, to 25th February, 1815,	6
Kindall, Benjamin, to 21st December 1814,	6
Leighton, Isaac, to 17th January, 1815,	15
Ladd, G. Samuel, to 8th September, 1814,	6
Mudge, Benjamin, to 5th October, 1814,	12
Noble, Horace, to 3d January, 1815,	5

## SHERIFFS' AND CORONERS' ACCOUNTS.

Prentice, Caleb, to 1st January, 1815,	10
Pearsons, Thomas, to 28th September, 1814,	6
Putnam, Jesse, to 20th September, 1814,	6
Richmond, Leonard, to 1st November, 1813,	5
Ranlet, Samuel, to 10th September, 1814,	5
Sweetser, John, to 26th January, 1815,	17 50
Sprague, Nathaniel, to 8th September, 1814,	7 50
Smith, E. Joseph, to 21st February, 1814,	20
Turner, William, to 7th October, 1814,	5
Thaxter, Jonathan, to 11th September, 1814,	20
Walker, Nathaniel, to 14th September, 1814,	5
Ware, Nathan, to 19th October, 1814,	5

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\$192 50

Courts Martial, &c.	\$2240 42
Brigade Majors, &c.	812 3
Brigade Quarter Masters,	640 7
Adjutants,	1,595 86
Expenses for Artillery Horses,	192 50

Total,

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\$5,480 88

## SHERIFFS' AND CORONERS' ACCOUNTS.

Austin, Nathaniel, Sheriff of Middlesex, for distributing acts and returning votes, to January, 1815,	22 80
Adams, M. Sheriff of Hancock county, for distributing acts and returning votes for 1814,	77 61
Bartlett, Bailey, Sheriff of Essex county, for distributing acts and returning votes for 1813 and 1814,	26 50
Crane, Elijah, Sheriff of Norfolk county, for distributing acts and returning votes for 1814,	13 72
Cooper, John, Sheriff of Washington county, for distributing acts and returning votes for 1814,	84 92
Freeman, James, Sheriff of Barnstable county, for distributing acts and returning votes for 1814,	21 25
Folsom, John, Coroner for Suffolk county, for Inquisition and expenses in burying strangers, to 15th October, 1814,	68 79
Goodwin, Ichabod, Sheriff of York county, for returning votes for 1814,	28 65

Gardner, Latham, Coroner of Nantucket county, for Inquisition and burial expenses of a stranger, November, 1814,	26 61
Howard, Samuel Sheriff of Kennebec county, for distributing acts and returning votes for 1814,	84 80
Hunnewell, Richard, Sheriff of Cumberland county, for distributing acts and returning votes for 1814,	32 40
Lyman, Elihu, Sheriff of Hampshire (N. District) county, for returning votes for 1814,	17
Lawrence, Jeremiah, Sheriff of Nantucket county, for returning votes for 1814,	33 75
Leonard, Horatio, Sheriff of Bristol county for distributing acts and returning votes for 1814,	19 37
McMillan John, Sheriff of Oxford county, for returning votes for 1814,	53 33
Mattoon Ebenezer, Sheriff of Hampshire county for returning votes for 1814,	15 20
Phelps, John, Sheriff of Hampden county, for returning votes for 1814,	29 40
Pincheon, John, Coroner of Hampden county, for Inquisition expenses and burial of a stranger, April, 1814,	27 18
Sawtell Richard, Sheriff of Somerset county, for distributing acts and returning votes for 1814,	115 60
Sentor, Noah, Coroner in Cumberland county, for expenses of burying a stranger December, 1813,	9 25
Stowers Joseph, Coroner in Suffolk county, for Inquisition and burial of a stranger, 23d October, 1814,	19 65
Thatcher, Samuel, Sheriff of Lincoln county, for distributing acts and returning votes for 1814,	53 94
Worth, Jethro, Sheriff of Dukes' county, for distributing acts and returning votes for 1814,	23 25
Ward, Thomas W. Sheriff of Worcester county, for distributing acts and returning votes for 1814,	27 30
Wait, Nathan, Coroner of Middlesex county, for Inquisition and expense of burying a stranger, November, 1813,	12 64
Total Sheriffs' and Coroners' Accounts,	894 91

*PRINTERS' ACCOUNTS.*

Allen, Phineas, for publishing Acts and Resolves, and notices for the Board of War, to January, 1815,	21 17
Adams & Rhoades, for printing by direction of the Government, to June, 1814,	16
Allen, E. W. for publishing Acts and Resolves, and Notices for Board of War, to January, 1815,	25 67
Butler, William, for publishing Acts and Resolves, to 1st January, 1815,	16 67
Cushing, Thomas, for printing for the Government, to October, 1814,	5
Dennio & Phelps, for publishing Acts and Resolves, to 1st January, 1815,	16 67
Goodale & Burton, for publishing Acts and Re- solves, to 1st January, 1815,	16 67
Palfrey, William, for printing for Government, to October, 1814,	5
Russell, Benjamin, for printing and stationary fur- nished for the Government, to 25th February, 1815,	2996 80
Shirley, Arthur, for publishing Acts and Resolves, to 1st January, 1815,	16 67
Wells & Lilley, for printing proceedings of Hart- ford Convention,	225
Total Printers' Accounts,	\$3,361 32

*MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS.*

Bradlee, Samuel, for sundry hardware supplies for State House, to 20th February, 1815,	70 95
Burditt, James W. for sundry stationary supplied the Government, to 24th, 1815,	224 3
Bradford & Read, for sundry stationary supplied the Government, to 7th February, 1815,	282 23
Blaney, Henry, for services at the State House, to 15th February, 1815,	10 50
Belcher, Joshua, for printing for Agricultural So- ciety, to January, 1815,	476

Bacon, Henry, for assisting the Messenger of the  
General Court, to the 2d March, 1815, 82  
Committee for examining Treasurer's Accounts,  
1815, viz :

Thomas H. Perkins, \$14

Joseph Bemis, 14

Benjamin Weld, 14

William Brewer, 14

John Soley, 14

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\$70

Capen & Drake, for lime furnished the State House,  
to September, 1814, 13 25

Committee on Militia Law, during the recess, viz :

Josiah Quincey, 3 days, \$6

William Brewer, 3 days and travel, 9

Samuel L. Knap, 3 days and travel, 26

Richard Sullivan, 3 days, 6

Timothy Fuller, 3 days, 6

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\$53

Chase, Warren, for assisting the Messenger to the  
General Court, to 2d March, 1815, 86

Durant, William, for labour on the State House, to  
January, 1815, 27 58

Gore, Samuel, for painting in the State House, to  
9th January, 1815, 71 52

Howe, Joseph, for repairs on the State House, to  
8th October, 1814, 23 83

Howe, Jonathan, for lumber for the use of the State  
House, to 17th February, 1815, 52 1

Lincoln, Amos, for work done at the State House,  
to 15th January, 1815, 25 20

Loring, Josiah, for stationary supplied the Govern-  
ment, to 13th January, 1815, 161 50

Low, Lewis, for assisting Messenger to the Gene-  
ral Court, to 2d March, 1815, 82

Munroe & Francis, for stationary furnished the  
Government, to December, 1814, 2 50

Peck, W. D. for services rendered the Agricultu-  
ral Society, to November, 1814, 739 17

Revere, John, for surgical operations at the request  
of a Jury, July, 1814, 5

Spear, Henry, for salary as keeper of Hospital Island, to 17th February, 1815,	44 44
Sewall, Hon. Samuel estate of, by his Executors, for services revising criminal laws, 1814,	100
Whitney, Jonathan, for labour at the State House, to February, 1815,	119 4
Wheeler, John H. for sundry repairs on the State House, to 4th February, 1815,	92 37
Wait, T. B. for Jefferson's Manual furnished the Government, January, 1813,	3 75
West & Blake, for stationary supplied Adjutant-General's office, to July, 1814,	8 90

Total Miscellaneous Accounts, \$2625 77

*Aggregate of Roll No. 72.*

Expenses of State Paupers,	\$36,228 43
Do. Militia,	5,480 88
Do. Sheriffs and Coroners,	944 91
Do. Printers,	3,361 32
Do. Miscellaneous,	2,625 77
Total,	\$48,641 31

*Resolved,* That there be allowed and paid out of the public Treasury, to the several Corporations and persons mentioned in this Roll, the sums set against such Corporations and persons' names respectively, amounting in the whole to the sum of forty-eight thousand six hundred and forty-one dollars and thirty-one cents, the same being in full discharge of the accounts and demands to which they refer.

*In Senate, 2d March, 1815.*

Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

JOHN PHILLIPS, *President.*

*In the House of Representatives, 2d March, 1815.*

Read and concurred.

TIMOTHY BIGELOW, *Speaker.*

2d March, 1815.....Approved.

CALEB STRONG.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

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*Secretary's Office, May 20th, 1815.*

By this I certify, that the Resolves, &c. contained in this pamphlet, which were passed by the General Court, at the October Session, 1814, and at the Session begun and holden on the 18th day of January last, have been compared with the originals, in this Office, and appear to be correct.

ALDEN BRADFORD,

*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*