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OF THE

GENERAL COURT

OF THE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts,

PASSED AT THEIR SESSION,

WHICH COMMENCED ON WEDNESDAY, THE TWENTY-NINTH DAY OF

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RESOLVES

OF THE

GENERAL COURT OF MASSACHUSETTS,

PASSED AT THEIR SESSION,

WHICH COMMENCED ON THE 29th DAY OF MAY, AND ENDED ON THE 20th DAY OF JUNE, A. D. 1816.

GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.

REPRESENTATIVES' CHAMBER, JUNE 5th, 1816.

At 12 o'clock, the Senators attended in the Representatives' Chamber, agreeably to assignment, when His Excellency the Governor came in, accompanied by his Council, the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and other officers of government, and delivered the following

SPEECH:

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

AS we have assumed the several stations which the suffrages of our fellow-citizens have destined us to sustain for the present year, I avail myself of this customary interview to congratulate you on the return of this interesting season, and that our country is enjoying a state of peace and domestic tranquility.

The institution of civil government is essential to human happiness:—without government, existence would cease

to be a blessing. But as we can discern no ground in nature for the assumption of a right in one individual to control the actions of another, we conclude that all men are originally equal; and therefore that legitimate government must be derived from the will of the people. However, little the existing governments of the world, generally, may correspond with these positions, we have the satisfaction to reflect that Massachusetts, and her sister States, separately and conjointly, have realized and are now enjoying the right of self-government.

That a numerous population should assemble and legislate upon the multifarious concerns incident to the social state, is obviously impracticable.—Reflection and experience, however, suggested a convention, and a representative authority was the result of compromise. Every conceivable compact is preferable to anarchy. But if men duly estimate their own interests in commuting their natural rights, each individual, for the portion of liberty he surrenders, must receive in benefits from society far more than an

equivalent.

The people of this State have been favored by an indulgent Providence, with an opportunity spontaneously of framing for themselves a Constitution of government upon the broad basis of equal rights. And we may be permitted to exult in the reflection that the great questions involved in forming a system of rules that must last indefinitely for ages, and influence the conditions of millions, were discussed with a degree of intelligence, and a spirit of candor and mutual concession which mark the period as an age of wisdom and virtue. In that interesting discussion, facts and principles were investigated; the most distinguished forms of civil polity, of which ancient and modern times furnished examples were analyzed; and the effects of each upon the character of man, and upon social happiness, were explored and elucidated as might have been expected among men thus informed; men whose ancestors had suffered under the lash of tyranny, and who were themselves menaced with similar evils: power was imparted to public agents with caution, and in every practicable instance, limited with precision. Such concessions, however, were made in favour of delegated authority as promised to insure tranquility, and a due execution of the laws.

It is obviously one of the leading objects of our Constitu-

ion, efficaciously to counteract the tendency of office to accumulate power, and so guard against an abuse of delegated trust.

Frequent elections are deemed necessary for preserving the original principles of the government in their purity; and it is no less requisite to that end that rulers should thoroughly understand and duly appreciate their importance. Principles are immutable—and our system is so framed as to leave as little as possible for construction. A popular government, destitute of a system of rules and principles, expressly distributing and modifying the delegated authority, and prescribing, as well to legislators as to magistrates, the conditions upon which it is to be exercised, must be fluctuating and transitory. The ancient republics afford a striking illustration of the truth of this remark. A division of the powers of sovereignty into several departments; the idea of vesting legislative power in two deliberate assemblies, each having a negative upon the other; of separating the executive from the legislative with a perfect or qualified negative upon the latter; and of establishing a judiciary independent of both, were desiderata in the ancient republics, which time and experience have since disclosed. And it is our happiness, gentlemen, to have our lot cast under a system of government constructed upon these principles. This system, being the ordinance of the people and enacted by them in the exercise of their natural and underived right of self control, justly and imperatively claims to be the supreme law of the State. The Constitution has been in operation nearly thirty-seven years. commenced in the midst of the war of the revolution, under circumstances peculiarly trying to its infant strength, and has successfully resisted the shocks to which it has since, from a variety of causes, been exposed.

To estimate the blessings derived to this people from our Constitution would be difficult—we can scarcely point to any source of enjoyment that is not deduced from, or en-

riched by its benign influence.

I only notice further, among the civil provisions of the Constitution for the preservation of life, liberty, property and character, trials by jury, and the independence of the judges of the Supreme Judicial Court. These provisions were ordained by the people, and they operate for, and are essential to their safety. What otherwise could protect the

weak from the powerful, the poor from the opulent, the simple and uninformed from the crafty and intelligent? This branch of the social compact constitutes one of its most precious attributes. An independent judiciary not only directly guarantees an impartial interpretation and administration of the laws, but has a most auspicious though remote influence upon science and literature, upon character and the embellishments of taste, and more especially upon the science of jurisprudence. The desire of wealth, the love of fame, the hope of distinction, and every motive that can operate upon an ingenuous mind, and give elasticity and force to the human faculties, conspire to ensure to the people a succession of learned jurists.

It is foreign to my intention as it would be to the occasion, to attempt an analysis of the Constitution. But such provisions of that instrument as are vitally important to the public happiness cannot be too frequently brought to view

and impressed upon the public mind.

A knowledge of the value of first principles ought to be cultivated.—Avarice and ambition wage eternal war with equal rights and public liberty. This was the doctrine of our fathers, founded in the nature of man; it is the doctrine of the Constitution, illustrated by the unequivocal tes-

timony of experience.

Virtue is the great conservative of republics; and coincident with the other profound views developed in the Constitution, and as auxiliary to their attainment, that instrument assigns an elevated rank to moral and religious principles. The happiness of the people, the good order and preservation of civil government are declared essentially to depend on piety, religion and morality; and wisdom and knowledge, as well as virtue, are considered as necessary for the preservation of the rights and liberties of the people. To give the fullest effect to these principles, the Constitution makes it the duty of legislators and magistrates in all future periods of the Commonwealth, to cherish the interests of literature and the sciences, and all seminaries of them; to encourage private societies and public institutions; rewards and immunities for the promotion of agriculture, arts, sciences, commerce, trades and manufactures; to countenance and inculcate the principles of humanity and benevolence, public and private charity, industry and frugality. honesty and punctuality in their dealings, sincerity, good

humour, and all social affections and generous sentiments

among the people.

To what extent the Legislature has from time to time fulfilled these benevolent injunctions, your journals and statute books can honorably attest. The establishment of numerous public institutions, to countenance the principles of piety, of charity and benevolence, for the encouragement of literature and the sciences, of agriculture and the mechanic arts, evinces a copious transfusion of the same enlightened spirit into our legislatures that originated and perfected the constitution. And the various aids in money, in lands, and in valuable immunities, which have been granted from time to time, to the University at Cambridge, the Colleges at Williamstown and Brunswick, and the numerous academies and other literary and scientific institutions. bear honorable testimony to the fidelity with which the Constitution has been administered.

In framing our Constitution, provision was wisely made for transferring a larger portion of sovereignty to the United States, than had been conferred by the confederation; and the ruinous effects flowing from the impotence of merely a federative compact, soon imperiously exacted a fulfillment of that provision. In the mean time, commerce and credit, both public and private, were nearly extinct; agriculture, trades and manufactures languished; and the whole country, that had recently and illustriously effected their independence after a long and distressing war, was overwhelmed with gloomy apprehensions of anarchy and ruin. At length a new frame of government was announced, and after long and rigorous discussion in the several States, was happily adopted.

The Constitution of the United States is without precedent and without parallel. In its composition and form it partakes of the federative character; but from the extent of its fiscal, executive and other powers, possesses the essential prerogatives of an integral government. The Confederation was a government of courtesy. The national interests demanded one of efficiency and coercion. Regulating commerce, maintaining customary intercourse with other nations, forming treaties, exercising the rights of war and peace, and providing for the national defence, were large concessions made to the government of the United States;

but they were then, and are still believed to be necessary to maintain the stability of government, to command the confidence of our own citizens and the respect of other nations, as well as to preserve the union of the States. The just mean between a too limited and an indefinite grant of power, was assiduously sought, and the result cheerfully sub-

mitted to the test of experiment.

In whatever degree the American systems of government may have been derived in their exterior forms from pre-existing models, their origin is essentially dissimilar. British constitution, for example, was the product of feudal times; and the people of England were supposed to receive privileges from the hands of a king, as though power was primitively and inherently an attribute of royalty. Our Constitution originated from a different source, and is strictly a compromise among equals; a compromise among individuals, who, arrogating no exclusive pre-eminent rights, acknowledged no superiors. And those compacts being completed, their administration was intrusted to agents to exercise that degree of power only, which their constituents had seen fit to impart. The national compact, like the Constitutions of the individual States, is an emanation from the same pure and legitimate source; and the spirit of freedom that pervades and animates the State Constitutions, is carried into the national pact; and all powers not expressly given are declared to be retained by the people of the States. This distinct reservation of rights, besides being a condition, without the introduction of which the Constitution would never have been adopted, forms a check upon the powers vested in the general government. The sovereignty of the States, though reduced from its original amplitude, has been viewed by the most illustrious statesmen of our country, as forming a most safe and effectual counterpoise to that mass of power inherent in the United States' Constitution, and which is indispensably necessary for the general welfare.

From the experience we have had of the operations of the national government, we may infer its efficiency, and that its continuance may be protracted for ages. The machinery it is true is complicated, but the several parts we trust are so well proportioned and adapted to each other as to render the mighty movements of the whole equable, salutary and lasting. We presume the government will be ad-

ministered in the true spirit of it, and that a great and united nation may be rendered happy under its auspicious influence. Whatever apprehensions may have been at any former period entertained of the operations of the national government, the people of this Commonwealth have but one sentiment as to its continuance. Massachusetts will be among the last to impair the union of the States, as she would be the last silently to abandon her own just rights.

Regulating commerce and encouraging manufactures fall within the province of the national government. The rights and benefits of the former are probably as extensive as consists with the rights and interests of other nations. The distress which some of our manufacturing citizens have suffered from the astonishing changes that have recently taken place in Europe and in America are undoubtedly great, and excite our sympathy. Congress may, probably, in adjusting their new tariff of duties, have done as much for their relief as a due regard to justice and the good of the community at large would allow.

While the renewal of the scenes of war must be deprecated by every benevolent and patriotic heart, it must be highly satisfactory to you, gentlemen, to observe, that the interests of naval and military establishments are consulted and patronized, and that the formation of respectable military depots is taking place in various parts of the United States, and particularly in the vicinity of this ancient seat of go-

vernment.

Having received sundry letters from the several Governors of the States of Rhode Island, Virginia, Ohio, Connecticut and Louisiana, the Secretary will lay them before you; as likewise a copy of a law of the United States, passed the 20th day of April last, providing for the appointment of a Colonel, Lieutenant-Colonel and one Major in each regiment of militia instead of one Lieutenant-Colonel to each regiment, and one Major to each battalion. Considerations of some weight as it regards the officers who are to be affected by the operation of this law, may perhaps lead you to make some provision for carrying it into effect the present session.

Should any thing of sufficient importance to require your immediate attention occur, I shall communicate the same by special message; and I shall be happy to co-operate with you, gentlemen, in all your efforts to promote the public good.

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Council Chamber, June 5, 1816.

ANSWER

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

May it please your Excellency,

THE House of Representatives respectfully reciprocate your Excellency's congratulations on the return of this interesting season, and that our country is enjoying a state

of peace and tranquility.

It is a subject of no ordinary gratulation, upon the commencement of the new political year, to find that the suffrages of our fellow citizens have designated your Excellency as the successor of him, whom they have long delighted to honor. The confidence which they have so frequently reposed in your Excellency's predecessor, by repeatedly electing him to the highest office in the government, has at once evinced the intelligence requisite to the discernment of their own best interests, and the disposition gratefully to repay the labors which have so essentially subserved them. From the theatre of public life he has voluntarily retired to the bosom of domestic privacy, there to enjoy for the residue of his days, the rich rewards of the patriot and christian, the consolations of a life well spent in the promotion of the happiness of his fellow citizens.

In his successor, as well from the tenor of your Excellency's past life, as from the exposition of your Excellency's views of public policy, developed in your communication, we recognize a patriot of the same school. It was indeed to be expected that one, who had so ably contributed to the establishment of a free and enlightened form of government, should be intimately conversant with its elements, and ar-

dently attached to its principles.

In the Constitution of this Commonwealth, framed as it was under circumstances of peculiar trial and perplexity, and without the advantage of precedents, is exhibited an unparalleled instance of what may be accomplished under

the blessings of Providence, by a people who are guided and directed by wise and good men. Its institutions maintain an inseparable union between the exercise and enjoyment of our natural rights, and the checks and restrictions indispensable to social order. It has its basis essentially in public sentiment. - Whenever that shall become radically corrupt, whatever forms may remain, its vitality will cease, and on its ruins will be built some other superstructure—the dictate of ambition or of anarchy. Its wise founders, reasoning from the analogy of ancient repulies, and with a wonderful prescience, which seems to have foreseen the result of subsequent experiments, made "wisdom and knowledge" with "piety, religion and morality," the foundation of their system. So long as these great pillars remain unshaken, we may, with certainty, rely upon the purity of public senti. ment and the consequent continuance of our government.

Through the medium of our valuable institutions of literatures and science, our University, colleges and schools, the means of "wisdom and knowledge" are rendered accessable to all. Every citizen, however humble his station, is there furnished with the opportunity of improvement; and the honors and rewards which by the other provisions of our political system are rendered almost inevitably consequent upon the industrious and successful cultivation of the mind, furnish the strongest inducement to the due use of

these means.

"Piety" is indeed an exercise of the heart, and is susceptible of no political regulation—but the external observances of "religion and morality," whose tendency is direct to the promotion of "piety," are attentively considered and provided for in our Constitution and laws. While, on the one hand, the rights of conscience and the freedom of religious opinion are sedulously guarded, on the other the citizen is bound to the external observance of religious and moral duties, and to the support and maintenance of christian institutions.

On these foundations rests our political fabric: and thus impressed, we are happy in assuring your Excellency, of our ready co-operation in all those measures which may be calculated to advance the cause of "wisdom and knowledge—of piety, religion and morality."

Subsequent to the adoption of our State Charter, which was directed and adopted more particularly to the definition

and security of the individual and social rights of our own citizens, our relative situation with our sister States rendered necessary a "national pact," for our mutual advantage and protection. That contract, emanating from a spirit of equity and mutual concession, while it yields to the whole many of the prerogatives of sovereignty, reserves to the parts all those rights and powers which are not expressly surren-The States are left to resort to their own governments and institutions for the ascertainment and protection of their common and ordinary rights, while the national compact provides against their mutual and foreign encroach-Whenever it becomes inadequate to this object, its efficacy and obligation cease; the Union resolves itself into its original elements; and the States become, as at first, separate and independent sovereignties.

Massachusetts having been among the first to adopt the federative league, will be among the last to impair its obligations—having surrendered her full share of sovereign rights for the common good, she will also be among the last to submit to unauthorized encroachments. "Whatever apprehensions we may at times have entertained of the operations of the national government," we would still indulge a hope that the disappointments of ambition, and the bitter lessons of experience, may teach those who have erred to recur to first principles, and hereafter to give a practical construction to the compact consistent with its original intend-Let them cultivate "a knowledge of the value of first principles," and learn that " avarice and ambition wage eternal war with equal rights and public liberty." We may then safely "presume the government will be administered in the true spirit of it, and that a great and united nation may be rendered happy under its auspicious influence."

The exigencies of the late war, waged without preparation, have induced a compulsory conviction upon the minds of those, who heretofore denounced "naval and military establisments," of the fallacy of their former opinions. To be prepared for war, in times of peace, was among the primary maxims of federal policy: we would hail this apparent return to first principles, as the harbinger of a progressive

and more perfect reformation.

To your Excellency who have so long been the avowed friend and patron of the militia, that powerful and respectable portion of our fellow-citizens, look with confidence for all those aids and encouragements, which your Excellency's wisdom and experience enable you so effectually to bestow. To the accomplishment of these and all the other important objects, for which our power is delegated to us, we tender your Excellency our zealous co-operation.

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ANSWER OF THE SENATE.

May it please your Excellency,

THE Senate of Massachusetts reciprocate the congratulations, which your Excellency has been pleased to express on the state of peace and domestic tranquility which our country enjoys, and all the circumstances which give interest to the return of this political season. Among the most auspicious of these circumstances your Excellency will permit the Senate of Massachusetts to consider the elevation of your Excellency to the chair of State. It is in the opinion of the Senate, not among the least of the many causes of gratitude to the great Author of all good, that he has, in the course of his Providence, for such a length of time preserved in usefulness and influence, so many of the statesmen and heroes who achieved our independence. This sentiment cannot fail to be deeply impressed on the minds of the people of Massachusetts, called, as they have been, now to witness, one of the patriots of our revolution, the friend of Washington and the associate of his councils, bidding adieu to public life, full of years, and of honors, and carrying with him into retirement the regret and affections of the multitude of his fellow-citizens, and succeeded by your Excellency, another of those patriots, also distinguished by the friendship of Washington, his associate in arms, and one, who shared largely in the dangers and glories of his military ca-Events of this kind are not only honorable to those individuals, who are the subjects of them, but are also among the happiest omens of the future prosperity of our country; inasmuch as they indicate the steady virtues of the people of Massachusetts, and their continued attachment to the principles and character of our revolution; and are thus among the surest pledges for the continuance of our Republican Constitution, and among the best evidences of the capacity of the people for self government.

The Senate of Massachusetts are impressed not less than your Excellency, with the greatness and vital importance

of those principles, relative to the nature of civil government and its only legitimate source, the will of the people, which your Excellency has been pleased to enforce and illustrate. They also reciprocate your Excellency's sentiments concerning the objects and doctrines and principles of our political Constitution, and the blessings we enjoy under it.—And it will be the pride and pleasure, not less than the duty of the Senate of Massachusetts to co-operate with your Excellency and with the other branch of the Legislature, in transfusing into our proceedings the same enlightened spirit, in which that instrument originated and was perfected, and which in so great a degree, the con-

duct of preceding Legislatures has evinced.

Touching the Constitution of the United States, the Senate coincide in the opinion of your Excellency, that it is " without precedent and without parallel," and that from the extent of its fiscal, executive, and other powers and influences, that it is a government of "efficiency and coercion." The Senate of Massachusetts are aware, not less than your Excellency, of the greatness of those concessions of power, made by the people to the government of the United States. And in the nature and amplitude of those concessions, while on the one side, they can see no necessity for any enlargement of those powers, by construction, which, as your Excellency intimates, our system is framed as far as possible to prevent, so on the other, considering the nature of all power, and its inevitable tendency when unlimited, to terminate in despotism, the people and the States will find, in this condition of things, new motives to watch over those powers and portions of sovereignty, which are yet retained by them; and in the maintenance of which the spirit and the hopes of liberty, under our complicated frames of government, essentially depend.

As, in common with your Excellency, the Senate of Massachusetts, "from the experience they have had of the operations of the national government, infer its efficiency," so also, they have no doubt that, if administered in the true spirit of the Constitution, not only a great and united people may be made happy under its influence, but "that its continuance may be protracted for ages." We concur with your Excellency that "Massachusetts will be the last to impair the Union of the States." And we also trust, that she will be always among the first to vindicate and

maintain those just limits of the Constitution, by the preservation of which alone, that union can be perpetuated.

The regulation of commerce, to which your Excellency has alluded, as it has been recently exercised in establish. ing a new tariff of duties, being within the fair and unquestionable limits of the powers, granted by the Constitution, has been viewed by the Scnate of Massachusetts, in that just and liberal light, in which it has been contemplated by your Excellency. They hope that in executing, on an extensive scale, and in a complicated state of affairs, that difficult and delicate task of reconciling relief of commerce with protection of manufactures, "as much has been done as a due respect to justice and the good of the community at large would allow." In canvassing the measures of the general government, while on the one hand the people of Massachusetts will yield nothing to any usurped authority. so on the other they will never fail to extend to the exercise of powers, within the undoubted limits of the Constitution. every liberal construction and manly support.

The Senate of Massachusetts, will ever rejoice at any evidence of a disposition in the national government to resort to the principles and systems, which characterised the happiest periods our country has enjoyed, since the adoption Among these they will be ever disof our Constitution. posed to consider attempts to provide for the national debt. and to place the credit of the United States upon a better basis than recently existed; the abandonment of a system of national security, resting on a mere love of justice, and the adoption of one which has for its foundation a competent and well instructed force; the consequent patronage of the naval and military establishments of our country: the formation of respectable military depots; -and, in general, a liberal spirit in relation to the endowment of institutions of a really permanent and national character.

The Senate of Massachusetts also reciprocate the assurance of their readiness to concur with your Excellency in all your efforts to promote the public good.

RESOLVES.

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JUNE, 1816.

CHAP. I.

Resolve for paying the Members of the Legislature.

1st June, 1816.

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 and every day's attendance the present political year; and the like sum of two dollars for every ten miles travel from their respective places of abode, to the place of the sitting of the General Court, at each session of the same.

And be it further resolved, That there be paid to the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives each, two dollars per day, for each and every day's attendance, over and above their pay as members.

CHAP. II.

Resolve authorizing the Clerk of the Court of Penobscot County to officiate in that office without giving bonds. 4th June, 1816.

Whereas the Clerk of the Courts for the County of Penobscot cannot give the bonds required of him by law, till

the Circuit Court of Common Pleas shall hold a term within and for said county; and whereas he cannot, as the law now is, legally act in said capacity as Clerk until he shall

have given such bonds:

Therefore resolved, That the said Clerk be hereby authorized to proceed to do and perform all the duties and services required of him by law as such; and that from the time of his being duly sworn as Clerk, till the term of said Court, which shall next he holden within and for said county, all his doings in said office as Clerk, shall be as good and valid to all intents and purposes, as if he, before he entered upon the duties of his said office, had given bonds, as the law in such cases directs, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

CHAP. III.

Resolve granting pay to Samuel P. P. Fay, Esq. 4th June, 1816.

Resolved, That there be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of the Commonwealth to Samuel P. P. Fay, Esq. of Cambridge, in the county of Middlesex, fifty dollars, for twenty-five day's attendance in the House of Representatives, as a Member thereof for said town of Cambridge, during the last session of the Legislature.

CHAP. IV.

Resolve authorizing Justices of the Circuit Court of Common Pleas, for the Western Circuit, to open and examine returns of votes for a Register of Deeds.

4th June, 1816.

Resolved, That the Justices of the Circuit Court of Common Pleas, for the Western Circuit, at the term of said Court, next to be holden at Worcester, within and for the county of Worcester, on the third Monday of June current, may open and examine the returns of the votes given in the several towns in said county, for the Register of Deeds in

the months of March or April last; and in case of a choice or otherwise, may further proceed in the same manner as they might do, were said term the next regular term for the transaction of session business.

CHAP. V.

Resolve providing for the pay of Joseph Andrews. 6th June, 1816.

Resolved, That the sum of sixteen dollars be allowed and paid out of the public Treasury, to Joseph Andrews, a Member from Salem, at the last session of the General Court, for sixteen days attendance and travel, the same having been omitted in making up the pay roll.

CHAP. VI.

Resolve for choosing another Notary Public in the county of Plymouth, to reside at Middleborough. 6th June, 1816.

Resolved, That there be chosen one Notary Public, in addition to the number now allowed to be chosen, within and for the county of Plymouth, who shall be a resident in the town of Middleborough, in said county.

CHAP. VII.

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

The Secretary will lay before you a Communication, dated the 6th instant, from Captain George Talcott, of the United States ordnance, stating that he had selected a site for an ordnance depot for the United States, upon the left bank of Charles river, one mile below the bridge at Watertown, and requesting that the necessary steps may be taken for vesting in the general government the jurisdiction, as is

usual in such cases. The extent of the cession will be particularly defined by the applicant, who is charged with the construction of the necessary magazines, arsenals and workshops for the use of the United States.

J. BROOKS.

Council Chamber, June 7, 1816.

CHAP. VIII.

Resolve on the petition of Benjamin Russell. 7th June, 1816.

On the petition of Benjamin Russell, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk, praying to be appointed and employed

as Printer to the General Court, the ensuing year:

Resolved, That the said Benjamin Russell, for reasons set forth in his said petition, be, and he hereby is appointed the Printer of this Commonwealth for one year, from the fourth day of June instant, to be fully completed and ended, and until another State Printer shall be appointed in his stead: Provided, he, the said Russell, shall do and perform, or cause to be done and performed, the printing in a faithful and workman-like manner, on good and suitable paper, and with all reasonable despatch, and to the acceptance of the officers, for whom the work may be done.

Be it further resolved, That the compensation which shall and may be allowed and made to the said Benjamin Russell for printing, and materials furnished as aforesaid, shall be such as the Committee on Accounts may deem to be just and reasonable; they, the said Committee on Accounts taking into consideration and comparison, the pay and allowance heretofore made for similar and like services rendered, and articles furnished by Printers to the General

Court for several years last past.

CHAP. IX.

Resolve to quitclaim to Chloe Goldthwaite the estate of Ellery Wood. Sth June, 1816.

Whereas it has been made to appear to this Legislature, that Ellery Wood, late of Uxbridge, in the county of Wor-

cester, deceased, intestate, at the time of his death, was seized and possessed of a small real and personal estate, but left no legal heirs, whereby the said estate has escheated to the Commonwealth, and Chloe Goldthwaite, of Northbridge, in said county, the mother of said Ellery Wood, has petitioned this Legislature to release to her the right of the said Commonwealth in said estate:

Therefore resolved, That the Honorable Daniel Davis, Solicitor General of the Commonwealth, be, and he hereby is authorized and empowered, in the name of the Commonwealth, to release and quitclaim to Chloe Goldthwaite, of Northbridge, in the county of Worcester, all the right, title and interest of the Commonwealth in and to the estate, real and personal, which was of Ellery Wood, late of Uxbridge, in said county, at the time of his decease, to have and to hold the same, to her, the said Chloe, her heirs and assigns, forever: Provided, That nothing herein contained shall in any manner prejudice or impair the legal rights of creditors, or others in said estate; the debts due from said estate, to be first paid out of the personal estate, and if need be, out of the real estate, agreeably to the law in such case provided.

CHAP. X.

Resolve on the petition of James Fisk and others, 8th June, 1816.

On the petition of James B. Fisk, Simon Harriman, Robert Parker, and Samuel E. Dutton, praying that the Administrator on the estate of Charles Hammond, late of Bangor, in the county of Penobscot, deceased, may be empowered to execute deeds of conveyance, of a certain piece of land in Bangor, bounded as follows—viz.: Southwestwardly by the original line between lots number ten and seventy, according to Park Holland's survey of the settlers lots, in said Bangor, which the said Hammond in his life time, by instruments, not under seal, contracted to convey, but was prevented by death:

Therefore resolved, For reasons set forth in said petition, That Moses Patten, Administrator of the estate of Charles Hammond, Esquire, be, and he hereby is empowered to execute good and sufficient deeds of conveyance of said land as follows, viz. to James B. Fisk, two undivided sixtieth parts; to Simon Harriman, one undivided sixtieth part; to Robert Parker, two undivided sixtieth parts; and to Samuel E. Dutton, three undivided sixtieth parts, agreeable to a contract entered into by the said Hammond in his life time; and the said deeds so made and executed shall be good and valid in law to convey all the right and interest which the heirs at law of the said Hammond may have in the said land as fully as if the said deed had been executed by the said Hammond in his life time.

CHAP. XI.

Resolve for appointing Notaries Public for Penobscot County. 8th June, 1816.

Resolved, That three Notaries Public be appointed for the county of Penobscot, one to reside in the town of Bangor, one in the town of Hampden, and one in the town of Orrington, in said county.

CHAP. XII.

Resolve on petition of Stephen Perry and his brother, directing the Solicitor General to endorse and allow on the notes of Benjamin Baldwin, \$595, on condition.

14th June, 4816.

On the petition of Stephen Perry, in behalf of himself and his brother, Benjamin Perry, praying the Commonwealth to release to the said Stephen and Benjamin, their heirs and assigns, the right and title of the Commonwealth in and to thirty-five acres of land, lying in Egremont, in the county of Berkshire, south-east of the dwelling-house of James Baldwin, Esquire, of said Egremont, called the Young love lot, which the said Stephen and Benjamin had purchased of the said James, and for which they had paid him, but had not taken a deed from the said James, which land was sold to Benjamin Baldwin by the Commonwealth, by virtue of a warrant of distress in favor of the Commonwealth against the said James, in the month of September, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and

thirteen, at the average price of seventeen dollars per acre, amounting in the whole to the sum of five hundred ninetyfive dollars; or that the Commonwealth would in some

other way grant relief in the premises.

Resolved, That the Solicitor General, in behalf of the Commonwealth be, and he hereby is directed to endorse and allow on the promissory note or notes of the said James Baldwin to the Commonwealth made, and taken for the sale of that and other real estate, the sum of five hundred and ninety-five dollars, being the average value of said lands sold, as of the date of said note or notes: Provided that the said Benjamin Baldwin shall make and execute his deed with warranty to said Stephen Perry and Benjamin Perry, their heirs and assigns, conveying to them a good and sufficient title to the said thirty-five acres of land; and shall also make and execute to the Commonwealth a deed of release of all claims which he has or may have against the Commonwealth, by virtue or in consequence of the sale and conveyance to him made by the Commonwealth as aforesaid; and provided also, that Jonathan Baldwin, brother of the said James Baldwin, shall previously convey to the Commonwealth all his right and title in and to the thirty-five acres of land aforesaid, such deed and deeds to the Commonwealth, to be made to the acceptance of the Solicitor General.

CHAP. XIII.

Resolve on the petition of the Selectmen of Charlton. 11th June, 1816.

On the petition of the Selectmen of the town of Charlton, setting forth that the town of Southbridge was taken off from the towns of Sturbridge, Charlton and Dudley, by an act passed 15th February, 1816, and that no part of the State tax is apportioned to the said town of Southbridge, but warrants have been issued to the said towns by the State Treasurer, as would have been, had not the said town of Southbridge been incorporated:

Resolved, For the reasons set forth in said petition, that the Assessors of the towns of Sturbridge, Charlton and Dudley, be authorized, and they are hereby authorized and required to assess on the polls and estates of the inhabitants of the town of Southbridge, such proportion of the State and county taxes for the present year as would have been assessed on said inhabitants, had not the said town of Southbridge been incorporated; and the Collectors of the said towns of Sturbridge, Charlton and Dudley, are hereby authorized and required to collect all such taxes assessed as aforesaid, and pay over the same according to directions in the warrants issued by the State and County Treasurers.

CHAP. XIV.

Report and Resolve on the doings of the late Agent for the sale of Eastern lands. 11th June, 1816.

The Committee of both Houses that were appointed to examine the accounts of the late William Smith, Esquire, Agent for Eastern lands, have examined his account of proceedings from the ninth day of June, eighteen hundred and fourteen, to the thirty-first day of May, eighteen hundred and sixteen, wherein he has received in securities and money the sum of thirty-nine thousand nine hundred and fifty-seven dollars, and twenty-eight cents, and has paid the Treasurer in securities and money, together with payments made for Clerk-hire, for surveying lands, and other charges including the amount due the Agent for services, the sum of forty thousand, four hundred and twenty-five dollars and ninety-five cents; and there appears to be a balance due to said Agent of four hundred and sixty-eight dollars, and sixty-seven cents, all of which appears to be right cast and well vouched.

EPHRAIM WILLIAMS, Chairman.

Therefore resolved, That the late William Smith, Agent, for Eastern land, his Heirs, Executors and Administrators, be, and hereby are discharged from the sum of thirty-nine thousand nine hundred and fifty-seven dollars, and twenty-eight cents; and the Governor is requested to draw his warrant in favor of the Executor or Administrator of William Smith, Esquire, for the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars in full for his services as Agent for Eastern lands to the time of his death. And in favor of George W. Coffin, for the sum of two hundred and eighteen dollars, and sixty-seven cents in full for the balance due him for services in the Land Office to this time, and in full discharge of the balance of said account.

CHAP. XV.

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Resolve on the application of the Warden of the State Prison.
11th June, 1816.

Resolved, That there be allowed and paid out of the Public Treasury, for the use of the State Prison the sum of ten 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.

CHAP. XVI.

Resolve on the petition of John Howes, a wounded Soldier, 11th June, 1816.

On the petition of John Howes, of Hawley:

Resolved, For reasons set forth in said petition, that there be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of this Commonwealth, unto John Howes of Hawley, the sum of twenty dollars, in consequence of a wound he received in the right hand while doing military duty at a review in the month of October last.

CHAP. XVII.

Resolve on the petition of John R. Gould, Guardian to Eliza Larkin, a minor. 12th June, 1816.

On the petition of John R. Gould, Guardian to Eliza Larkin, a minor:

Resolved, For reasons set forth in said petition, that the said John R. Gould be, and hereby is authorized to sell at private sale, all the right, title and interest of the said Eliza Larkin, in and to a certain estate lying in Cornhill, in said Boston, bounded easterly thereon, sixteen feet six inches 3 southerly on land of the heirs of Ebenezer Larkin, deceased,

eighty feet; westerly on land of the heirs of Tuthill Hubbart, deceased, ten feet; northerly on the land of the heirs of said Hubbart, eighty feet; the said Eliza being seized of one sixth part thereof, subject to the life estate of Benjamin Hurd: Provided, the said Guardian can obtain for the same a price proportional to the price paid by the New Cornhill Corporation to the other heirs of the said estate, for the parts thereof already sold by them to said Corporation: Provided also, that said Gould first give bond to the Judge of Probate for the county of Suffolk, with sufficient sureties to account for the proceeds of the sales of said estate, according to law.

CHAP. XVIII.

Resolve for a Well to be dug within the walls of the State-House Yard. 13th June, 1816.

Resolved, That James Robinson, Esquire, be authorized and empowered, to cause to be dug a Well within the State House Yard, and complete and fix the same, with a good pump or pumps, and lay the account of the same before the Committee on Accounts, for allowance.

CHAP. XIX.

Resolve for appointing Electors. 13th June, 1816.

Resolved, That the General Court, on the second Thursday of November next, (being then in session,) will, by joint ballot, elect and appoint twenty-two persons, to be Electors of President and Vice-President of the United States, not being Senators or Representatives in the Congress thereof, or persons holding any office of trust or profit under said United States; one of whom, at least, shall be an inhabitant of each District which is assigned for the choice of Representatives in the Congress of the United States. And whereas it may so happen, that one or more of the Electors, so elected and appointed, may be prevented, by death, sickness, resignation, or otherwise, from attending on the first Wednesday of December next, to give their votes:

It is further resolved, That the said Electors, so to be appointed, be, and hereby are directed to meet at the State-House, in Boston, on the first Tuesday in December next. at ten o'clock, in the forenoon, for the purpose of supplying such vacancies. And the said Electors, who may then and there be present, are hereby empowered to fill up all vacancies which may happen as aforesaid, by electing, by ballot, from the people at large, so many suitable persons. eligible by the Constitution, for Electors of President and Vice-President of the United States, as may be necessary to supply such vacancies; and to declare the person or persons, so appointed by said Electors present, and empowered as aforesaid, or the major part of them, to be Elector or Electors of the President and Vice-President of the United States, duly appointed for the purpose, and certify the same to the Executive authority of this Commonwealth, that the persons so appointed, may be entitled to the certificate of their appointment.

And it is further resolved, That the said Electors shall meet at the State-House, in Boston, on the first Wednesday of December next, being the fourth day of said month, and vote, by ballot, for President and Vice-President of the United States, and make distinct lists of all persons voted for as President and Vice-President, and of the number of votes for each; which lists they shall sign and certify, and transmit, sealed, to the seat of government of the United States, agreeably to the provisions of the Constitution and laws thereof. And the Secretary of this Common. wealth is hereby directed to transmit, without delay, to each Elector, who may be appointed, in manner aforesaid, a certificate of his appointment. And the Executive authority of this Commonwealth is hereby requested to cause the lists of said Electors to be made, certified, and delivered to them. conformably to the provisions of the law of the United

States.

CHAP. XX.

Resolve on the petition of the sureties of Thompson J. Skinner, late Treasurer of this Commonwealth.

13th June, 1816.

On the representation of Albert Smith and John Chamberlain, two of the sureties of the late Treasurer, Thompson J. Skinner, in behalf of themselves and others of said sureties,

praying a discharge from their suretiship:

Resolved, That Albert Smith, John Chamberlain, Ezekiel Bacon, James Baldwin, John Picket, Joseph Wilson, Simeon Griswold and Timothy Childs, sureties of the late Treasurer Thompson J. Skinner, be, and they are hereby released and discharged from all debts, obligations, judgments, executions, warrants of distress, and demands due or payable from them, or either of them, to said Commonwealth, for, or on account of said Skinner: Provided nevertheless, that nothing contained in this Resolve, shall prevent the Commonwealth from satisfying their judgment against either of said sureties out of any property heretofore conveyed, or secreted by them, or either of them, for the purpose of defrauding the Commonwealth of said judgment.

CHAP. XXI.

Resolve on the petition of the Selectmen of the town of Exeter. 13th June, 1816.

On the petition of the Selectmen of the town of Exeter, stating that a portion of the Laws and Resolves of the General Court, which were committed to the care of the late Charles Hammond, Esquire, for said town, was destroyed, or carried away by the troops of Great Britain in their late invasion of the county of Hancock, and praying that the same may be replaced by the Commonwealth.

Resolved, That the prayer of said petition be granted, and that the Secretary of the Commonwealth be directed to furnish to the use of the said town of Exeter, such portion of the Laws, Resolves and Reports of the Commonwealth, and other books as were committed to said Hammond for their use, and destroyed, or carried away as aforesaid.

CHAP. XXII.

Resolve on the petition of Amos Barnes, of Southampton. 13th June, 1816.

On the petition of Amos Barnes, of Southampton, Resolved, For reasons set forth in said petition, that the 31 sum of fifty dollars, which was paid by said Barnes to William Dady, the commanding officer of a company of detached militia, called out by order of the Commander in Chief, for the defence of the Commonwealth, in the month of September, A. D. 1814, be refunded to the said Barnes by William Dady, or by the officer or person who now has the said fifty dollars in possession; and the said officer or person in possession of the said money, is hereby directed to pay over the same accordingly.

CHAP, XXIII.

Resolve on the petition of Daniel Hart, of Townsend.
13th June, 1816.

On the petition of Daniel Hart, praying further indemnification for loss of time and expense incurred in consequence of a wound he received in his right leg at a regi-

mental review, in October, 1812:

Resolved, For reasons set forth in said petition, that there be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of this Commonwealth unto Daniel Hart, of Townsend, the sum of seventy dollars in addition to the two hundred dollars heretofore at two several times granted said Hart, and which is to be considered in full of any compensation, which the Commonwealth are to make for all the considerations mentioned in said petition.

CHAP. XXIV.

Resolve granting two brass field pieces to Bangor Artillery Company. 14th June, 1816.

On the petition of the Officers of the Company of Artillery in Bangor, in the first Brigade of the tenth Division of Militia; shewing that the guns, tumbrils and equipage of said company, were captured and carried away by the encmy in the late war:

Resolved, That the Quarter-Master-General be, and he is hereby authorized to furnish said company with two

brass field pieces, tumbrils, and suitable equipage, whenever the state of the public arsenals will admit of such supply.

CHAP. XXV.

Resolve for a Tax for the county of Plymouth.

14th June, 1816.

Whereas the Treasurer of the county of Plymouth, has laid his account before the Legislature, which account has been examined and allowed, and the Clerk of the Court of Sessions for the said county has exhibited an estimate made by said Court of the necessary charges which may arise within the said county, and the sum necessary to discharge the debts thereof:

Resolved, That the sum of three thousand six hundred and thirty dollars, be, and is hereby granted as a tax for the county of Plymouth, to be apportioned, assessed, paid, collected and applied for the purposes aforesaid, according to law.

CHAP. XXVI.

Resolve appointing a Committee to view the harbor of Hingham. 14th June, 1816.

On the petition of the town of Hingham, praying for the assistance of the Legislature to prevent the destruction or damage of their harbor by the channels being filled with sand:

Resolved, That Messrs. Curtis, of Boston and Tower, of Cohasset, be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee to view the harbor of Hingham, at the expense of said town, and to report at the next session of this Court, whether any, and if any, what aid it is proper to afford them in the premises.

CHAP. XXVII.

Resolve granting \$23 to Israel Hodgdon.
14th June, 1816.

On the petition of Israel Hodgdon, of Buckfield, praying compensation for loss of time and expenses incurred in consequence of being called out in the detached militia in the

month of September, A. D. 1814.

Resolved, For reasons set forth in said petition, that there be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of this Commonwealth, the sum of twenty-three dollars to Israel Hodgdon, of Buckfield, in full for all the considerations mentioned in his said petition.

CHAP. XXVIII.

Resolve on the petition of Joseph Allen, Agent for sale of lands mortgaged by Prentiss and Chever. 14th June, 1816.

On the petition of Joseph Allen, Agent to sell or lease certain lands lying in Princeton and Hubbardston, mortgaged to the Commonwealth by Henry Prentiss and Bartholomew Chever:

Resolved, That the said Agent be, and he is hereby directed to pay into the Treasury of the Commonwealth, the sum of two hundred and ninety-five dollars, being the amount of rents by him received, for one year, ending in April last, after deducting fifteen dollars, which is hereby allowed him for his services therein; and that upon payment as aforesaid, he be discharged of that sum.

CHAP. XXIX.

Resolve for erecting an Engine House in the yard of the State House. 15th June, 1816.

Resolved, That James Robinson, Esquire, be, and hereby is empowered to cause to be erected, at the expense of the

Commonwealth, an Engine House, in the State House vard. either by enlarging the Watch House there, or otherwise: Provided, the expense shall not exceed the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars: And provided also, That the inhabitants of the town of Boston, at their own proper expense, shall furnish a good Fire Engine, which shall be kept in said Engine House at all times, excepting when it shall be necessary to take the same out for the purposes of extinguishing fires, and for exercising the company of men which may be attached to the same—the Selectmen of said town to appoint, and at all times to have the usual company of men to the said Engine. And his Excellency the Governor is requested to draw his warrant on the Treasurer of the Commonwealth, in favor of the said James Robinson, for the expense which may be incurred in the premises, when the said Engine House shall be erected, the said Engine furnished and placed in the same House, and the company of men appointed to the same, by the Selectmen aforesaid.

CHAP. XXX.

Resolve, relating to certain claims against the Commonwealth.

15th June, 1816.

Whereas by a resolve passed on the first day of February last, General Alfred Richardson, and General Amasa Davis were authorized to receive certain sums of money from the Treasury, for the purpose of paying the same over to certain individuals whose names were borne on two abstracts of sums due to Benjamin Clough, and ninety-two others, and to Samuel Acley and one hundred and sixty-eight others, and to certain other persons whose names were borne on five pay rolls, in said resolve particularly mentioned: And whereas provision was made by said resolve, that unless all the persons mentioned in said abstracts and pay rolls applied for, and received the sums to them respectively due, before the first day of June current, that the said Richardson and Davis, should pay the balance remaining in their hands, on that day into the Treasury: And whereas a number of persons mentioned in said abstracts and pay rolls, did not apply in season for the payment of their respective demands,

and there is now no provision made by law for the payment of the same:

Therefore resolved, That the Treasurer be, and he hereby is authorized and empowered, when the said Richardson and Davis shall have filed with him, vouchers for the several sums they may have respectively paid as aforesaid, to give them each a certificate, specifying the amount by them respectively so paid to the individuals aforesaid, and the balance which remained in their hands, on the first day of June aforesaid, and which has been by them respectively

paid into the Treasury.

And be it further resolved, That the Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay to any individual, or his order, whose name is borne on the abstracts and pay rolls aforesaid, such sums of money as may appear thereon to be due to him, and to take duplicate receipts therefor, one of which shall be filed with the vouchers to support the account of this Commonwealth against the United States.—And his Excellency the Governor, with advice of Council, is hereby requested to draw his warrant on the Treasury for the sum of three hundred and four dollars, and thirty-three cents, for the purpose of making the payments aforesaid.

And be it further resolved, That his Excellency the Governor, with the advice of Council, be, and he hereby is authorized and requested to appoint one or more persons as he may think proper, and at such time and manner as he may deem expedient, after the Agent appointed by the said resolve of the first of February last, shall have completed the same, to present the accounts and claims of this Commonwealth for military services rendered, supplies and munitions of war furnished, labour performed, and expenses incurred during the late war with Great Britain, and arising in consequence thereof, to the government of the United States for allowance, and to settle and adjust the same.

CHAP. XXXI.

Resolve to confirm the doings of the town of Buckfield.

15th June, 1816.

On the petition of the town of Buckfield for a confirmation of their Records:

Resolved, That the proceedings of the town meetings hold.

en in the town of Buckfield, be, and they are hereby confirmed and made valid, the want of formality or regularity in issuing, posting, warning or returning warrants for said town meetings or the Records thereof notwithstanding: *Provided however*, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to effect the title to any lands assessed, or sold as the estate of any now resident proprietor of lands lying within the said town of Buckfield.

CHAP. XXXII.

Resolve on the petition of Barrett Potter and others, allowing a longer time for settling a township of land granted Deerfield Academy. 15th June, 1816.

On the petition of Barrett Potter and Nathaniel Ingersoll, proprietors of the half township of land conveyed to the Trustees of Deerfield Academy, by a deed from the Agents for the sale of Eastern lands, dated September 20th, A. D. 1806;

Resolved, For reasons set forth in said petition, that a further time of three years from the twentieth day of September last, be, and is hereby allowed to the said Barrett Potter and Nathaniel Ingersoll, their heirs and assigns, to complete the settlement of ten families on the half township of land granted to the Trustees of Deerfield Academy, lying in the county of Washington: Provided the said Barret Potter and Nathaniel Ingersoll, their heirs or assigns, shall, on or before the first day of September next, give bond to the Treasurer of this Commonwealth, in the sum of six hundred dollars, with sufficient surety or sureties, to the satisfaction of the Agents for the sale of Eastern lands; conditioned that there should be settled on said grant, the number of ten families within the time extended as aforesaid, or for the payment of thirty dollars for each family which shall then be deficient of that number; upon satisfaction of which bond, given as aforesaid, either by causing the said number of families to be settled on said grant within the time aforesaid, or by paying the said sum of thirty dollars for each family which shall then be deficient, then the estate, right and title of the said Barrett Potter and Nathaniel Ingersoll, their heirs and assigns, shall be valid, full and effectual, to

all intents and purposes, as if the conditions of settlement expressed in the original deed given of said half township by the Agents for the sale of Eastern lands, had been fully

and seasonably complied with.

And be it further resolved, That the Treasurer of the Commonwealth be, and is hereby directed, upon receiving the bond aforesaid, to give up or cancel the bond of the said Potter and Ingersoll, dated the fifteenth day of August, A. D. 1812, which was given pursuant to a resolve of the General Court, passed the eleventh day of June, in the same year.

CHAP. XXXIII.

Resolve on the petition of Nathaniel Merrill, discharging him from prison. 15th June, 1816.

Resolved, For reasons set forth in said petition, that the said Nathaniel Merrill be, and he hereby is discharged and fully released from a judgment recovered by the Commonwealth against him, on the fourth Tuesday of May, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifteen; on which said judgment, execution issued, and upon which said Merrill is now imprisoned in the common gaol, in the town of Portland; and that the Sheriff for the county of Cumberland be, and he hereby is authorized and empowered to discharge said Merrill from his said imprisonment: Provided however, that the Commonwealth shall not be subjected to any cost or expense which may have accrued for the support of said Merrill during his said imprisonment.

CHAP. XXXIV.

Resolve on the petition of Thomas B. Wait and Sons. 17th June, 1816

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Commonwealth be, and he hereby is authorized to subscribe for six copies of the new and improved edition of State Papers and Public Documents, proposed to be printed by T. B. Wait & Sons, to be comprised in ten volumes; the said copies to be de-

livered in strong leather binding, at the rate of two dollars and fifty cents for each volume, the same to be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of this Commonwealth; on the certificate of the Secretary, stating and acknowledging the receipt of six copies of the first volume of said edition, at the rate aforesaid; and in like manner on a similar certificate from the Secretary, a like sum to be paid in manner aforesaid, for the same number of each succeeding volume, when delivered as aforesaid; and that the Secretary deposit two of said copies in the respective chambers of the Council, the Senate, and the House of Representatives.

CHAP. XXXV.

Resolve relating to Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court.
17th June, 1816.

Whereas it is inconvenient for three or more of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court to attend at the term of said court next to be holden at Barnstable, for the counties of Barnstable and Duke's county; as little or no business will come before them, requiring more than one of the Justices of said Court:

Therefore resolved, That the next term of said Court may be holden by any one of the Justices of the same; and should any business come before said Court, so to be holden as aforesaid, which by law requires more than one of the Justices of said Court to hear, try and determine; all such business may be heard, tried and determined by the Court at their next law term, to be holden within and for the counties of Plymouth and Bristol, unless the parties thereto shall agree to have the same continued to the next term of said Court, to be holden at Barnstable, for the counties of Barnstable and Duke's county.

CHAP. XXXVI.

Resolve empowering Benjamin Rogers, to sell and convey lands as Guardian. 17th June, 1816.

Upon the petition of Benjamin Rogers, of Great Barring-

ton, in the county of Berkshire, physician, parent and guardian of Mary-Ann Rogers, and Benjamin F. Rogers, minors, under the age of twenty-one years, praying that he may be authorized and empowered to make sale of certain real estate belonging to said minors, situated on the westerly side of the main-street in said town, containing about twelve acres, bounded east on said street, south and west on land belonging to the heirs of Thomas Ives, Esquire, deceased; north partly on land of David Leavensworth,

Esquire, and partly on laud of Samuel Riley:

 $\hat{R}esolved$, For reasons set forth in said petition, that the said Benjamin Rogers be, and he hereby is authorized and empowered to make sale of the said estate of said minors, and to make and execute good and sufficient deed or deeds thereof to the purchaser or purchasers, which shall be as effectual in law as if the same was sold at public auction for money; and that he be, and hereby is authorized to purchase with the proceeds of the sale or sales aforesaid, other real estate in said town of Great Barrington. of the same or nearly equal value; and the estate so purchased, shall go and belong as directed in the last will and testament of Joel Evarts, late of said Great Barrington, physician, deceased, of certain lands bequeathed in said will to the said minors, and be subject to the same rules of partition, settlement or sale, as would apply to the estate lest by said deceased to the said minors: Provided nevertheless, that the sale and purchase of estate as aforesaid be made agreeably to an appraisement by three impartial men to be appointed by the Judge of Probate for the said county of Berkshire, and to be made under oath, and that the anpraisement comprehend the estate proposed to be sold, and also that which may be purchased; and that said appraisements when they shall be made, be approved and allowed by said Judge; and provided also, that the said Judge do certify thereon his approbation of the sale or sales, purchase or purchases of the said appraisement or appraisements, and approbation to be entered on the records of the Probate office, and to be made previous to the execution of the deed or deeds; and provided also, that the said Benjamin first give bonds with sufficient surety or sureties to be approved by said Judge of Probate, conditioned to make the sale or sales as aforesaid, and vest the proceeds thereof in other real estate as aforesaid; and also conditioned that in case the proceeds of any sale or sales to be made by said Benjamin as aforesaid, should not be immediately laid out in other real estate as aforesaid, that in such case the proceeds of any such sale or sales shall be paid, with the lawful interest thereon, to such person or persons to whom the estate of said deceased, bequeathed by his last will and testament would have descended by law, and in the proportion, and at the time or times mentioned in said last will and testament.

CHAP. XXXVII.

Resolve on the memorial of the Boston Board of Health.
17th June, 1816.

On the memorial of the Board of Health of the town of Boston, praying for further aid to complete the sea-wall for the security of Rainsford or Hospital Island, in the harbor of Boston:

Resolved, That there be paid out of the Treasury of this Commonwealth, the sum of eleven hundred and sixty-three dollars to the Board of Health of the town of Boston, for the purpose of completing a sea-wall upon said Rainsford or Hospital Island, for the purpose of preserving the Commonwealth's interest in the same, and prevent the ravages of the sea from deteriorating the same.

CHAP. XXXVIII.

Resolve appointing an Agent of Eastern lands.

18th June, 1816.

Resolved, That the Honorable Edward H. Robbins, Esquire, be, and he hereby is authorized to do and perform all the acts and duties appertaining to the office of Agent for the sale of Eastern lands, by the Laws and Resolves of this Commonwealth, which were in force at the time of passing An act for promoting the sale and settlement of the public lands in the District of Maine," until a board of Com-

missioners appointed under said act, shall be organized and qualified to enter upon the duties of their office.

CHAP. XXXIX.

Resolve on the petition of Joseph Howard, suspending the service of an execution against him. 18th June, 1816.

On the petition of Joseph Howard, praying that he may be relieved from a judgment recovered against him for a trespass on the Commonwealth's land in the town of Brownfield, in the county of Oxford, or permitted to purchase said lot of the Commonwealth:

Resolved, That Hon- Lathrop Lewis, Esquire, be, and he hereby is authorized and required to make a survey and plan of said land, and to ascertain the present value thereof and what was the value of said lot on the first day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirteen; and to return the survey and plans so taken, together with an estimate of the value as aforesaid, into the land office in Boston, on or before the second Wednesday of the next session of this General Court.

And it is further resolved, That the Attorney General be authorized and directed to suspend the service of the execution issued on said judgment, recovered against said Howard in favor of the Commonwealth, until the end of said next session.

CHAP. XL.

Resolve on the petition of Samuel Griggs, discharging him from the Commonwealth's demand. 18th June, 1816.

On the petition of Samuel Griggs, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk, shewing, that at the last January term of the Boston Court of Common Pleas in said county of Suffolk, a judgment was recovered against him in favor of the Commonwealth, for one hundred dollars, and cost thereon, being the amount for which he had recognized for the appearance of one Rebecca Griggs, his daughter, at the Mu-

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nicipal Court, who avoided; that execution has issued on said judgment for said sum, on which the petitioner has been arrested and committed to the gaol in Boston; and that the said Griggs is very poor, is a widower, and has a numerous young family, who, by his present embarrasment, are left wholly destitute of support.

Resolved, For reasons set forth, that the said Samuel Griggs be discharged from his recognizance aforesaid, from the judgment rendered thereon, and from his confinement, upon payment of the costs thereto appertaining: Provided said Samuel Griggs be not detained there for any other

cause.

CHAP. XLI.

Resolve on the report of the Quarter-Master-General. 18th June, 1816.

The Committee of both Houses, to whom was referred the statement of the Quarter-Master-General, respecting the towns, plantations and individuals of every description, who had received from the Commonwealth, its magazines and arsenals, (during the late war) any munitions of war, or muskets and accoutrements, and had not returned nor accounted for the same, have attended that service and beg leave to report, that the following towns, plantations and individuals, viz.—Kingston, Wells, Scituate, Woolwich, Buxton, Machias, Saco, Boothbay, Bristol, Biddeford, Brewster, Barnstable, Wiscasset, Danvers, Nobleborough, St. George, Castine, Dorchester, Fairhaven, Falmouth, Friendship, Lincolnville, York, Manchester, Newburyport, Pembroke, Rochester, Sandwich, Cambden, Wareham, Yarmouth, Robbinston, Hingham, Surry, Weymouth, Quincy, Dennis, Captain Gerry Fairbanks, Ipswich, Harwich, Captain Thomas Warren, have returned part of the articles received by them reespectively of the Commonwealth, into the department of the Quarter-Master-General, and have, by affidavit and otherwise, furnished satisfactory evidence that the residue of the articles by them respectively received have been properly expended in the defence of the Commonwealth, or have been unavoidably captured, destroyed or

lost, so that the said towns, plantations and individuals above named, ought not to be held accountable for the same. Your Committee, therefore, respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolve.

WILLIAM MOODY, per order.

Resolved, That all the towns, plantations and individuals above named, be, and they are hereby discharged from all liability to the Commonwealth on account of any munitions of war, muskets or accourrements, which they received from the Commonwealth, its magazines and arsenals, dur-

ing the late war.

Be it further resolved, That the Quarter-Master-General of this Commonwealth be directed forthwith, to call upon all the other towns, plantations and individuals, who have received from the Commonwealth any munitions of war, muskets or accoutrements, and who have not returned or accounted for the same, requiring the return of said articles, on or before the first day of October next; and the said Quarter-Master-General is hereby authorized and empowered to settle with any delinquent town, plantation or individual, and to receive, in behalf of the Commonwealth, any sum or sums of money which he may think reasonable, in lieu of any article or articles, which shall not be returned to him agreeable to the terms of this resolve, and thereupon fully to discharge the town, plantation or individual paying the same, the said Quarter-Master-General to make report of his proceedings under this resolve, at the next session of the present General Court.

CHAP. XLII.

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

The Honorable Ebenezer Mattoon, Esquire, having been appointed Adjutant-General of the Militia of this Commonwealth, has resigned his office as Major-General of the fourth Division; and his resignation has been accepted.

J. BROOKS.

CHAP. XLIII.

Resolve to release John Winch from prison.
18th June, 1816.

On the petition of John Winch, a prisoner in the gaol in Concord, in the county of Middlesex, praying that he may be discharged from a warrant of distress issued on a judgment of the Supreme Judicial Court, by force of which he is detained in said prison; for reasons set forth in said

petition,

and a comparable color.

Resolved, That said Winch be discharged from said warrant of distress, and that the keeper of said gaol be authorized to suffer him to go at large on his paying the costs of scire facias on which said judgment was founded; provided said Winch be not detained there for any other cause; and provided also, that the said Winch enter into recognizance with two sufficient sureties, in such sum, as any two Justices of the Peace for the county of Middlesex, quorum unus, shall direct, for his appearance at the next term of the Supreme Judicial Court to be holden in said county, to answer to an indictment, then and there pending against him, and to abide the order of said Court thereon.

CHAP. XLIV.

Resolve empowering Eliab W. Metcalf, Administrator, to sell lands. 18th June, 1816.

Upon the petition of Eliab W. Metcalf, Administrator on the estate of Ebenezer Stedman, late of Cambridge, in the county of Middlesex, Esquire, deceased, praying for authority to sell and convey a certain lot of land, situated in Cambridge, belonging to the estate of said deceased, and bounded as follows; viz. beginning four feet from the house lately occupied by the deceased, and thence running twenty-nine feet on the county road, leading to West-Boston bridge, to the corner of the street leading to the College wharf; thence running thirty-five feet on the street last mentioned, to land owned by the Misses Masons; thence on land of said Masons twenty-nine feet to land of

said deceased; thence on land of said deceased, thirty-five feet, to the first mentioned bounds; it being the same lot leased by said deceased to Mr. Chester Sessions, of said Cambridge, by his lease, dated fourteenth of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifteen.

Resolved, For reasons set forth in said petition, that the said Eliab W. Metcalf be, and he is hereby authorized, in his capacity as Administrator, to sell and convey the said lot of land, and to perform all other acts relative thereto, in the same manner as the said deceased was authorized and obligated to do by the above mentioned lease.

CHAP. XLV.

Resolve empowering George J. Homer to sell the property left his sons by the late Jacob Homer. 18th June, 1816.

Upon the petition of George Joy Homer of Boston, it appeareth, that Jacob Homer, late of Natick, in the county of Middlesex, by his last will and testament, which was duly proved in the Probate Court in the county of Middlesex, on the ninth day of Jannary, A. D. 1816, devised to his sons Charles Homer, Michael Homer, Gershom Homer and John Homer, the income or interest of one eighth part each of his real estate, thereby authorizing the sale thereof, and the proceeds to be placed in the hands of the said George Joy Homer as their Trustee, without giving express

authority to any person to make such sale.

Therefore resolved, That he, the said George Joy Homer be, and he is hereby authorized and fully empowered to sell the several shares in said Testator's real estate, the income or interest whereof is devised to them by said will respectively, and to make and execute any deed or deeds effectual in law to convey the same, as fully as if the said Testator had expressly by his will authorized his Executors to sell and convey the same in fee, he the said George complying with the rules and regulations appertaining to the sale of real estates by Executors and Administrators, and giving bond with sufficient surety or sureties to the Judge of Probate in the county of Middlesex, for the due

and faithful execution of said trust, according to the true intent and meaning of the said will.

CHAP. XLVI.

Order on the petition of Charles W. Hare, Esquire, and others, Devisees in trust of the estate of the late William Bingham, Esquire. 18th June, 1816.

On the petition of Charles W. Hare, Esq. and of the other Devisees in trust of the estate of William Bingham, Esq. by the Hon. David Cobb, their Agent, praying that the Treasurer of the Commonwealth may be directed to suspend proceedings under the act of the General Court, passed the 15th day of February last, by which the said Treasurer is directed to issue his warrant to the Sheriffs of the counties of Oxford, Somerset, Hancock, and Washington, requiring them to collect within their own counties, the sums which by the several tax acts, for the years 1812, 1813, 1814 and 1815, were assessed on the several townships. or other tracts of improved lands, lying within their respective counties; but upon all which townships, or other tracts of unimproved land, there was not at the settlement of the last valuation any person residing thereon, or Assessors chosen, to whom said Treasurer could issue his warrants for the assessing and collection thereof:

Ordered, For reasons set forth in said petition, that the Treasurer of this Commonwealth be, and he hereby is directed to suspend the issuing of his warrants as in the act aforesaid is directed, until the end of the next session of the present General Court.

And it is further ordered, That the further consideration of said petition be referred to the next session of the present General Court.

No. 3 Report.—Schedule of Claims allowed at the War Office. 18th June, 1816.

No. 42. Amount allowed to Caleb Faxon, for slate for work at Savin Hill, - - - - 16 00

43. To John Howland, for damages done to land		
at New-Bedford,	55	00
44. To David Payson, for damage done where		
troops were quartered at Wiscasset, 1814,	30	00
45. To the Selectmen of Cambden, for a sail boat		
lost in an attempt to secure prisoners,	170	00
46. To the Selectmen of the town of Natick, for		
transportation and subsistence,	7	00
47. To Daniel Quinnam, for military services, 1st		
regiment, 2d brigade, 11th division,	13	38
48. To Ephraim Rollins, for the use of the town		
of Nobleborough, for transportation,	33	41
49. To Nathan Blanchard, for quarters for troops		
stationed at Wiscasset,	2	50
stationed at Wiscasset, 50. To Samuel and Gilbert Newhall, and Wil-		i Silve autika
liam Little, for services in 1st brigade and 2d		
division,	15	00
51. To Aaron Hayden, for the use of		
Jonathan Wortman, for supplies to		
troops at Eastport, 57 83		
To Aaron Hayden, for his own use, for		
supplies to troops at Eastport, 161 51	-219	39
52. To Lieutenant James Stevens and twenty-five		
others, for a pay-roll, 1st regiment, 2d brigade,		
13th division,	65	32
53. To Robert Parker, for the use of Lendres		
Grant and 10 others, pay-roll 4th regiment, 1st		
brigade, 10th division,	50	2()
54. To Russell, Cutler & Co. for printing notice		
to military claimants in Maine,	27	00
55. To Adams & Rhodes, for printing notice to		
military claimants in Maine, 56. To Alford Richardson, expense of printing	27	00
56. To Alford Richardson, expense of printing		
notice to military claimants in Maine, at Portland,	45	50
57. To Jacob Kuhu, for taking care of War-Of-		
fice to this date,	43	50
58. To Alford Richardson, for services in paying		
the troops under the Resolve of 1st February,		
1816, \$35, and for a mistake in a former claim,		
\$12.36,	47	36
59. To James W. Burditt, for sundries for the	e (83.)	
War-Office, to this date,	43	84

60. To Cyrus Eaton, for the use of Alexander		
Lermond and 4 others, for military services, 1814,	11	5 L
61. To Joseph H. Pierce, for his services in the		
War-Office, up to June, 1816,	125	00
62. To Peter Oliver Alden, for making shot for	,	
the Commonwealth,	399	19
63. To Margaret Webb, for damages done by		
troops at Cape Elizabeth, in 1814,	50	00

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War-Office, June 18th, 1816.
Approved,

EDWARD H. ROBBINS, Agent.

CHAP. XLVII.

Resolve for paying certain claims allowed at the War-Office. 19th June, 1816.

Resolved, That his Excellency the Governor be, and he hereby is requested to draw his warrant on the Treasurer for the sum of one thousand seven hundred ninety-seven dollars, thirteen cents, in favor of the several corporations and individuals stated in the foregoing account, which sums when paid, shall be in full compensation for the several ex-

hibits to which they refer.

And be it further resolved, That his Excellency the Governor be, and he hereby is requested to draw his warrant on the Treasurer, for the further sum of three hundred twenty-five dollars in favor of the Hon. Edward H. Robbins, which sum, in addition to three hundred dollars paid to him in pursuance of a resolve which was passed on the fifteenth February last, is to be in full for all services rendered by him in the War-Office; and the said Edward H. Robbins having performed the several duties assigned to him in the said office, his commission therein is hereby considered to be at an end.

CHAP. XLVIII.

Resolve providing for the expense of printing 1300 copies of the fourth volume of Laws. 19th June, 1816.

Resolved, That whenever the Printers shall present their account to the Secretary for the paper and printing of the thirteen hundred copies of the public acts of this Commonwealth, for which the Secretary was directed to make a contract, by a resolve of January twenty-sixth, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, his Excellency the Governor, with advice of Council, be authorized and requested to draw his warrant on the Treasurer of the Commonwealth for the payment thereof; provided the expense shall not exceed one dollar and seventeen cents for each copy in printed sheets.

Be it further resolved, That when the volumes are bound and deposited in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, his Excellency the Governor be authorized and requested to issue a warrant for paying the expense of binding the said volumes; one half thereof to be paid when half the number of volumes shall have been delivered into the office of the Secretary, and the remainder whenever the whole number shall have been deposited as aforesaid; provided the charge for binding shall not exceed forty cents for each volume.

CHAP. XLIX.

Resolve for limiting the time for making application for money. 19th June, 1816.

Resolved, That no application or motion for any grant of money, at the next session of this General Court, be received after the third Wednesday thereof.

CHAP. L.

Resolve providing for the pay of Loammi Baldwin and John Farrer, Esquires. 19th June, 1816.

Resolved, That there be paid out of the Treasury of this

Commonwealth to Loammi Baldwin and John Farrer, Esquires, five hundred dollars to enable them to ascertain the practicability of a navigable canal to unite Connecticut and Merrimack rivers, agreeable to a resolve of twenty-fifth day of January, 1816, they to be accountable for the same; and his Excellency the Governor is requested to draw his warrant on the Treasurer for the same.

CHAP. LI.

Resolve for the pay of Isaac Adams, Assistant to the Messenger of the Governor and Council. 19th June, 1816.

Resolved, That there be allowed and paid out of the public Treasury of this Commonwealth to Isaac Adams, the sum of two dollars and fifty cents, for each and every day he may have been employed as Assistant to the Messenger of the Governor and Council, the present session of the General Court; and his Excellency the Governor is requested to issue a warrant in favor of said Adams accordingly.

CHAP. LII.

Resolve for the pay of John Low, junior, Assistant Messenger of the House of Representatives. 19th June, 1816.

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, fifty-five dollars for his services in that capacity, during the present session of the General Court.

CHAP. LIII.

Resolve for compensating the Secretary for preparing for press the fourth volume of the Laws of this Commonwealth. 19th June, 1816.

Resolved, That there be allowed and paid out of the

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Treasury of this Commonwealth to Alden Bradford, Esq. Secretaryof the Commonwealth, one hundred and fifty dollars, in full, for his services in preparing for the press and superintending the printing of the fourth volume of the Laws of this Commonwealth; and his Excellency the Governor, with the advice of Council, is hereby requested to draw his warrant in favor of the said Secretary on the Treasurer for said sum.

CHAP. LIV.

Resolve making an addition to the salary of Jacob Kuhn, Messenger, \$350. 19th June, 1816.

Resolved, That there be allowed and paid out of the public Treasury, to Jacob Kuhn, three hundred and fifty dollars for the present year, commencing the thirtieth day of May last, to be in addition to the sum of four hundred dollars allowed him by a resolve of March 26th, 1793, establishing the pay of the Messenger of the General Court.

CHAP. LV.

Resolve for the pay of Committee on accounts.
19th June, 1816.

Resolved, That there be allowed and paid out of the public Treasury, to the Committee appointed to examine and pass on accounts presented against the Commonwealth, for their attendance on that service during the present session, the sum of one dollar per day, in addition to their pay as Members of the Legislature, viz.

Hon. Silas Holman—nineteen dollars.
Hon. Thomas Weston—nineteen dollars.

James Robinson—nineteen dollars.

Alford Richardson—nineteen dollars.

Daniel Howard—eighteen dollars.

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LVI.

Resolve authorizing Francis Cook to convey by deed an estate of the late Benjamin Walker. 19th June, 1816.

On the petition of Francis Cook, of Billerica, in the county of Middlesex, Guardian to Benjamin Walker, Timothy Walker, Sears Cook Walker, Horatio Walker, Isaac Brewster Walker, and Susanna Walker, all of Wilmington, in said county, minors, under the age of twenty-one years, and children of Benjamin Walker, Esq. late of said Wil-

mington, deceased;

Resolved, For reasons set forth in said petition that said Francis Cook be, and he is hereby authorized and empowered to sell and convey, and for that purpose to make, execute and deliver deeds to convey all the right, title, interest, claim and demands, of the heirs of said Benjamin Walker, which were bequeathed to the said Benjamin by the last will and testament of his late father, Timothy Walker, late of said Wilmington, Esquire, deceased; and also all the right, title, interest, claim and demand of James Walker, one of the legatees and child of the said Timothy. deceased; and the proceeds of said sale to be divided and disposed of according to the provisions of the will of said Timothy: He, the said Francis Cook, first giving bonds to the Judge of Probate for the county of Middlesex, for securing to the heirs of the said Benjamin and the said James Walker, the proceeds of said sale.

CHAP. LVII.

Resolve granting Jacob Kuhn \$1000 to purchase fuel, &c., for the General Court. 19th June, 1816.

Resolved, That there be paid out of the Treasury of this Commonwealth to Jacob Kuhn, Messenger of the General Court, the sum of one thousand 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; and also the Land Office, he to be accountable for the expenditure of the same.

CHAP. LVIII.

Resolve to pay the Reporter of Contested Elections. 19th June, 1816.

Resolved, That there be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of this Commonwealth to Theron Metcalf, Esq. Reporter to the House of Representatives, in cases of contested elections, in full for his services during the last winter session of the Legislature, the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars; and his Excellency the Governor is hereby requested to draw his warrant on the Treasurer in favor of the said Metcalf for that sum.

CHAP. LIX.

Resolve for Militia Officers to pay over Fines. 19th June, 1816.

Whereas by the twenty-fourth section of the act for regulating, governing and training the militia of this Commonwealth, it is provided, that in case of invasion, insurrection, or other public danger, the militia shall be ordered out by the Commander in Chief, and that any person who shall be so ordered out, detached, or drafted, and shall refuse or neglect to obey said orders for the space of twenty-four hours, shall pay a fine of fifty dollars to the Commanding Officer of the company to which he belongs; such fines to be appropriated to the hire of other men to complete the de-And whereas during the late war, sundry fines were received by military officers, which have not been appropriated agreeably to the provisions of the said act-

Therefore resolved, That all military officers, and other persons, who may have received any fines pursuant to the provision of said act, or who may have any monies in possession, received for fines as aforesaid, and which have not been appropriated agreeable to said act, shall be, and they are hereby required forthwith to pay the same into the Treasury of this Commonwealth; and the Treasurer thereof

is requested to give a receipt therefor accordingly.

CHAP. LX.

Resolve providing for the pay of the Page of the House of Representatives. 19th June, 1816.

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

CHAP. LXI.

Resolve granting pay to the Assistants to the Messenger of the General Court. 19th June, 1816.

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, fifty cents each per day during the present session of the Legislature, in addition to the usual allowance of two dollars per day.

CHAP. LXII.

Resolve granting James Robinson, Esq. \$500, for expense of a Well and Engine House, in Court-House Yard.

19th June, 1816.

Resolved, That there be paid to James Robinson, Esq. Agent for sinking a Well and building an Engine House near or in the State House Yard, five hundred dollars, for defraying the expense of the same; and that his Excellency the Governor be requested to draw his warrant on the Treasurer for the same, the said James Robinson to be accountable for the expenditure of said sum.

CHAP. LXIII.

Resolve establishing the pay of the Clerks in the public offices. 20th June, 1816.

Resolved, That there be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of this Commonwealth, to the first Clerk in the Secretary's Office, also to the first Clerk in the Treasurer's Office, also to the first Clerk in the Adjutant-General's Office, fourteen hundred dollars each, in full compensation for their services for one year, from the first day of this current month of June; and likewise to each of the other Clerks in said Secretary's, Treasurer's and Adjutant-General's Offices, and also the Clerk in the Office of the Quarter-Master-General, three dollars and eighty-four cents per day, for each and every day they are respectively employed therein for one year, commencing the said first day of June current.

CHAP, LXIV.

Resolve making a grant to Theron Metcalf, Esq. Reporter of Decisions on Contested Elections of Members of the House of Representatives. 20th June, 1816.

Resolved, That there be allowed and paid out of the public Treasury, to Theron Metcalf, Esq. the Reporter of Contested Elections for this House, the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars for his services during the present session of the General Court.

CHAP. LXV.

Resolve for distributing Maps, &c. of the District of Maine. 20th June, 1816.

Resolved, That the copies of Moses Greenleaf's Map and Statistical View of Maine, subscribed for by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, under a resolve passed January 27, 1816, be distributed by the said Secretary in the man-

ner following, to wit: To the Clerk of each town or district, and to the Assessors of each plantation within the State which pay a State tax, one set for the use of each such town, district and plantation respectively; to the Clerk of the Courts in each county, for the use of the respective Courts therein severally, one set each; to the Land Office, Office, of the Quarter-Master-General, and of the Adjutant-General, one set each; to the President of the United States, the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, the Library of Congress, one set each; to the University at Cambridge, to Williams and Bowdoin Colleges, to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and to the Mas-

sachusetts Historical Society, one set each.

And be it further resolved, That upon the death, resignation, or removal from office of either of the Clerks of the aforesaid towns or districts, the Assessors of said plantations, and the said Clerks of Courts, each of them respectively, his Executors and Administrators shall be holden and obliged to deliver over the same set, which shall have been received as afore provided, to his and their successor

and successors in office for the uses aforesaid.

CHAP. LXVI.

Resolve providing for the pay of the Committee to examine Hallowell and Augusta Bank. 20th June, 1816.

Resolved, That there be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of this Commonwealth, to James Bridge, Esq. twenty-five dollars; to Ebenezer T. Warren, Esq. twenty-five dollars; and to Samuel Coney, Esq. forty dollars, in full for their respective services as a Committee, appointed at the last session of the last General Court of this Commonwealth, to inquire into the doings of the Hallowell and Augusta Bank, and to report thereon.

CHAP, LXVII.

Resolve granting Samuel Redington and Moses Greenleuf, \$120 each. 20th June, 1816.

On the petition of Samuel Redington, who with Moses

Greenleaf was appointed a Committee to locate a road and perform certain other services pointed out in a resolve, pass-

ed 13th February, A. D. 1816:

Resolved, That there be paid to Samuel Redington and Moses Greenleaf, out of the Treasury of this Commonwealth, the sum of one hundred and twenty dollars each, on account of monies advanced and services performed, pursuant to a resolve, passed the 13th February, A. D. 1816, to be accounted for by them in the settlement of their accounts; and his Excellency the Governor is hereby requested to draw his warrant on the Treasury therefor accordingly.

CHAP. LXVIII.

Resolve fixing the pay of the Clerks of the Senate and House of Representatives. 20th June, 1816.

Resolved, That there be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of this Commonwealth, to Samuel F. McCleary, Clerk of the Senate, and to Benjamin Pollard, Clerk of the House of Representatives, two hundred dollars each; and also to Robert C. Vose, assistant Clerk of the Senate, one hundred and twenty-five dollars; and to Thomas Walcutt, a Clerk in the lobbies for the assistance of the Members of the Legislature, one hundred dollars, in full for their services in said offices the present session of the General Court.

CHAP. LXIX.

Resolve for the pay of his Honor the Lieutenant Governor, Secretary and Treasurer's salary. 20th June, 1816.

Resolved, That there be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of this Commonwealth, to his Honor the Lieutenant Governor thereof, the sum of five hundred thirty-three dollars and thirty-three cents, in full for his salary for one year, from the thirty-first day of May last past.

Also to Alden Bradford, Esq. Secretary of this Commonwealth, the sum of two thousand dollars, as and for his salary for one year, from the sixth day of June instant; he the

said Secretary to be accountable for all the fees of office he shall have received.

And likewise to John Trecothic Apthorp, Esq. Treasurer and Receiver-General of said Commonwealth, the sum of two thousand dollars, as and for his salary for one year, from the sixth day of June current; and that all the aforesaid salaries be paid quarterly as they shall become due.

CHAP. LXX.

Resolve authorizing the Treasurer to borrow money. 20th June, 1816.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this Commonwealth be, and he hereby is authorized and directed to borrow of any of the Banks in Massachusetts Proper, in addition to the sum now borrowed, any sum not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars, that may at any time within the present year be necessary 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.

LXXI.

Resolve for the distribution of the acts for the separation of Maine. 20th June, 1816.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Commonwealth be directed to cause to be printed two thousand copies of the Report of the Committee on the subject of the separation of the District of Maine from Massachusetts Proper, and the Act which has passed the present session in relation thereto, and have the same forwarded, as soon may be, to the Sheriffs of the several counties in the District of Maine, in the proportion following, viz.: The county of York shall be entitled to receive three hundred and fifty copies; the county of Lincoln, three hundred and fifty; the county of Cumberland, three hundred and fifty; the county of Hancock,

two hundred and twenty; the county of Washington, one hundred; the county of Kennebec, two hundred and fifty; the county of Somerset, one hundred and twenty; the county of Oxford, one hundred and fifty; the county of Penobscot, one hundred and ten. And it shall be the duty of the several Sheriffs of the counties aforesaid respectively, immediately on receipt thereof, to distribute the said report and act, among the several towns and plantations within their respective counties, as near as may be, in proportion to their population: Provided every town and plantation shall at least have one copy; and it shall be the duty of the Selectmen of the several towns, and the Assessors of the several plantations in said District, at the meetings to be called on the first Monday in September next, in pursuance of said act, to cause the same, together with the said report, to be read at the opening of their respective meetings on the said day.

CHAP. LXXII.

Resolve on the Treasurer's Communication.
20th June, 1816.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this Commonwealth be, and he hereby is authorized to receive the amount now due to this Commonwealth for interest and reimbursement of principal, on the debt due from the United States to this State, for the quarters ending December 31, 1814, and March 31, 1815, in such manner as he shall think best, under the direction of the Governor and Council, and for this purpose to substitute any person or persons to receive the same in behalf of this Commonwealth: Provided however, that on such part of the stock as has been assigned to the President, Directors and Company of the Boston Bank, the said interest and reimbursement shall not be received without the consent of the Directors of that Corporation first obtained in writing.

Resolved, That in case such payment of interest and reimbursement of principal on the stock now belonging to the State, shall be made in treasury notes, the Treasurer be, and hereby is authorized to fund the same, or to sell such notes; in which latter case, such sum as shall arise from reimbursement of principal, shall be immediately applied to the reduction, by purchase or otherwise, of the principal of

the public debt of this Commonwealth.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this Commonwealth be, and he hereby is directed, on receiving any future reimbursement of principal of the debt due from the United States to this Commonwealth, if in treasury notes, to fund or sell the same, and if sold, or if received in cash, immediately to appropriate the amount received to reduce, by purchase or otherwise, the principal of the State debt.

CHAP. LXXIII.

Resolve on the petition of E. S. Curtis. 20th June, 1816.

On the petition of Elijah S. Curtis,

Resolved, That the sum now charged against him by the Warden of the State Prison, for the use of the convicts, be remitted; and that the Directors of that institution be authorized and required to allow said Curtis the labor of twenty convicts for fifty working days: Provided, he establish and carry on the manufactory of brushes as heretofore; which is to be in full remuneration for the property destroyed, as set forth in his petition.

LXXIV.

Resolve directing the Commissioners on Eastern Lands to suspend their business. 20th June, 1816.

Resolved, That the Commissioners appointed by virtue of an act passed at the last session of the last General Court, entitled, "An act for promoting the sale and settlement of the public lands in the District of Maine," be, and they are hereby directed to suspend all proceedings under their commission, until the next session of the present General Court, any thing in the aforesaid act to the contrary notwithstanding.

ROLL No. 75....June, 1816.

The Committee on Accounts, having examined the several accounts they now present,

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

SILAS HOLMAN, per order.

PAUPER ACCOUNTS.

Abington, for board and clothing Thomas Sey-		
more, to 5th June, 1816,	32	08
Ashburnham, for supplies to Sukey Franklin, to		
1st March, 1816,	15	34
Adams, for board, clothing and doctoring sundry		
paupers, to 22d May, 1816,	96	25
Adams, Samuel, for doctoring sundry prisoners,		
confined in Wiscasset for criminal offences, to		
6th June, 1816,	25	00
Augusta, for board, clothing and doctoring sundry		
paupers, to 20th May, 1816,	97	50
Barnardston, for board, nursing and doctoring Oli-		
ver Stephens, till his death, 15th March, 1816,	. 42	18
Blandford, for board and clothing Samuel Walk-		1.5
er, to 1st May, 1816,	07	00
Baldwin, for support of Daniel Hickey, to 1st		U.
May, 1816,	22	25
Boxborough, for board and clothing John McKoy,	~~	74
to 22d May, 1816,	66	42
Belgrade, for board, nursing and doctoring Abi-		ıω
gail Odlin, to 20th May, 1816,	35	aa
Brookfield, for board, clothing and doctoring Jo-	ບປ	υυ
nas Binton, and Abigail Severance, to 2d May,	00	200
1816,	OU.	90

Belchertown, for board and clothing sundry pau-		
pers, to 1st June, 1816,	89	82
Bridgewater, for board and clothing sundry pau-	7	
pers, to 3d June, 1816,	72	60
Bedford, for board, nursing and doctoring Daniel		
McCarter, to 22d May, 1816,	83	50
Beverly, for board and clothing sundry paupers,		
to 1st June, 1816,	145	94
Bellingham, for board and clothing Nathan Free-		
man and wife, to 1st May, 1816,	108	21
Belfast, for board and clothing the wife and chil-		
dren of Robert Rogers, to 1st April, 1816,	83	50
Bradford, Samuel, keeper of the gaol in Boston,		
for support of sundry poor prisoners, to 24th		
May, 1816,	343	92
Bristol, for board and clothing William How, to		
20th May, 1816,	67	20
Bath, for board, doctoring and nursing John Sin-		
clair, till his death, and funeral charges, 27th		
February, 1816,	191	45
Board of Health, Boston, for support of sundry		
paupers with small pox, at Rainsford Island, to		
5th June, 1816,	72	00
Boston, for board and clothing sundry paupers, to		
1st June, 1816,	7589	55
Conway, for board, doctoring and nursing Hannah		
McNeil, to 23d May, 1816,	72	69
Cheshire, for board, clothing and doctoring sundry		
paupers, to 23d May, 1816,	407	39
Cushing, for support of James Walker and Peggy		
Rowley, to 20th May, 1816,	$5\pm$	00
Chesterfield, for support of Adam Hamilton, Ra-		
chel Polley and Thomas Thompson, to 1st May,		
1816,	86	94
Colrain, for board, clothing and doctoring Rachel		
Hines and Sally Leominer, to 24th May, 1816.	87	17
Cape Elizabeth, for board and clothing James		
Ramsbottom, to 26th May, 1816,	31	29
Carlisle, for board and clothing Robert Barber,		
to 26th May, 1816,		67
Carver, for board and clothing Martin Grady, to		
1st January, 1816,	134	40

Concord, for board, clothing and doctoring George	ia a s <u>y i</u> joj	
Black and Mary Morton, to 31st March, 1816,	38	42
Camden, for board and clothing Joseph Bloom, to		
5th June, 1816,	27	40
Dartmouth, for board, clothing and doctoring sun-		
dry paupers, to 20th May, 1816,	86	10
Durham, for board and clothing sundry paupers,		
to 1st January, 1816,	331	ಇ೦
Dunstable, for board, doctoring and nursing Jonas		
French, till his death, 1st June, 1816, and funeral		~~
charges	133	UU
Danvers, for board and clothing sundry paupers,		
to 4th June, 1816,	568	12
Elliot, for board and clothing Jacob Brewer and		
Abigail Randal, to the 3d June, 1816,	49	68
Egremont, for board and clothing Abraham Row,		
till his death, 6th April, 1816,	48	50
Enfield, for support of William Rice to 25th		
May, 1816,	36	72
Edgartown, for board and clothing Anthony	4.3	
Chadwick, to 27th May, 1816,	- 69	23
Friendship, for board and clothing James Metcalf,		
and Martha Bickman, to 3d June, 1816,	72	09
Franklin, for board and clothing Thomas Barre,		
to 2d June, 1816,	110	00
Foxborough, for board, doctoring and nursing Ja-		
cob Coats, to 10th June, 1816,	89	00
Gill, for board, clothing, doctoring and nursing		
sundry paupers, to 25th May, 1816,	175	78
Gorham, for support of Robert Gillfilling, to 1st		
June, 1816,	25	92
Guardians of Dudley Indians, for amount due them		
1st May, 1816, which sum the Treasurer is di-		
rected to charge said Indians, and deduct the		
same from the sum due them from the Com-		
monwealth, 25th, 1816,	153	27
Granville, for board, clothing and doctoring George		
Taylor, to 27th May, 1816,	27	14
Gloucester, for board and clothing sundry paupers,	2800	
to 10th May, 1816,	1026	50
Greenwich, for board and clothing sundry paupers,	in the Web.	Z.
to 25th May, 1816,	46	31

Holland, for board and clothing Jonathan Hill, to 16th February, 1816,	78	59
Hardwick, for board and clothing Hannah Mor-	70	ં
gan, to 1st June, 1816,	45	88
Hallowell, for board, clothing and doctoring sun-	4.0	0
dry paupers, to 3d June, 1816,	196	9.
Hodgkins, Joseph, keeper of the house of correc-		
tion in the county of Essex, for support of sun-		
dry insane persons (including allowance by the		
Court of Sessions) to 6th June, 1816,	363	80
Hamilton, for the support of Mary Moncrief, to		
5th April, 1816, 1816	90	78
Kingston, for board of two children of Elizabeth		•
Renney, to 25th May, 1816,	22	4
Lanesborough, for board and clothing sundry pau-		
pers, to 1st June, 1816,	207	44
Lenox, for board and clothing sundry paupers, to		
24th, 1816,	68	90
Lee, for board, clothing and doctoring sundry pau-		
pers, to 29th May, 1816,	216	00
Littleton, for board and clothing John Putnam, to		
3d June, 1816,	62	4
Leyden, for board and clothing sundry paupers,		
to 25th May, 1816,	57	9
Millbury, for board and nursing James F. Still,		
to 18th May, 1816,	64	2
Middleborough, for board and clothing John Fitz-		
gerald and Betsy White, to 1st April, 1816,	27	58
Marshfield, for board and clothing Samuel Holmes,	۵.	
to 20th May, 1816,	61	58
Machias, for board and clothing Anthony Pepper	~ a	0.0
and Moses Wheaton, to 1st June, 1816,	54	bt
Marblehead, for board and clothing sundry pau-	0.15	Ω4
pers, to 30th May, 1816,	215	83
Merrell, John, for doctoring sundry prisoners in	93	# G
gaol, at Portland, to 26th May, 1816,	32	ЭÜ
Manchester, for board and clothing Abraham	55	O.C
Gloss, to 6th April, 1816, Montague, for support of Joshua Searle, till his	55	υυ
death, February, 1816,	28	35
Norwich, for support of Rhoda Rhoades, till her	~O	TA
death and funeral charges.	128	Q:
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Newry, for board and clothing William Burk, to 20th May, 1816,	25	92
Newbury, for board and clothing sundry paupers,		
to 1st June, 1816,	986	51
New-Castle, for board and clothing William Coch-		
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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 thirty-nine thousand, two hundred forty-six dollars and twenty cents, the same being in full discharge of the accounts and demands to which they refer.

In Senate, June 19th, 1816.
Read and accepted, sent down for concurrence.
JOHN PHILLIPS, President.

In the House of Representatives, June 19th, 1816.
Read and concurred.
TIMOTHY BIGELOW, Speaker.

June 19th, 1816....Approved.

J. BROOKS.

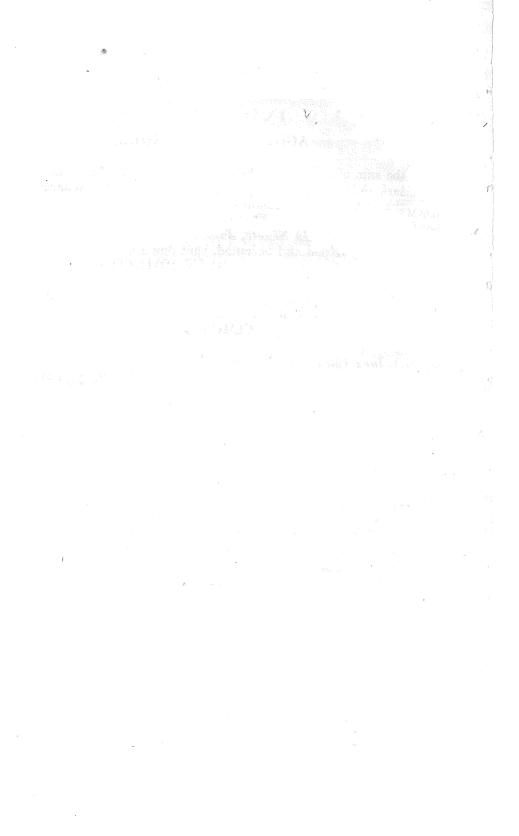
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Secretary's Office, September 2d, 1816.

By this I certify, that the Resolves, &c. contained in this pamphlet, which were passed at the session, commencing May 29th and ending June 28th, 1816, have been compared with the originals in this Office, and appear to be correct.

ALDEN BRADFORD,

Secretary of the Commonwealth.



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