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THE
REVISED STATUTES

OF THE
STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED JANUARY 25, 1871;

TO WHICH ARE PREFIXED
THE CONSTITUTIONS

OF THE
UNITED STATES AND OF THE STATE OF MAINE:

WITH AN APPENDIX.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE LEGISLATURE.



PORTLAND:
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BOUNDARIES OF COUNTIES.

An act for erecting and establishing two new counties in the easterly part of the county of York. [EXTRACT.]

Whereas the great extent of the county of York makes it convenient that two new counties should be erected and established in the easterly part thereof,

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the lieutenant governor, council and house of representatives,* That the county of York aforesaid shall be, and it hereby is declared to be, bounded, on the east by a line to run from the sea northwesterly upon the easterly line of the township of Biddeford, as far as Narragansett, number one; from thence northeasterly on said Narragansett to the easternmost corner thereof; from thence northwesterly on said Narragansett to the northernmost corner thereof; from thence southwesterly on said Narragansett to Saco river; from thence up said Saco river as far as Pearsontown extends thereon; and from thence to run north two degrees west on a true course as far as the utmost northern limits of this province; all the other boundary lines of said county to remain the same as heretofore.

Boundaries of county of York defined.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the westernmost of the two new counties aforesaid shall be, and it is hereby declared to be, bounded, on the west by the easterly line of the county of York above described; on the north by the utmost northern limits of this province; on the south-east by the sea or western ocean and by Casco bay; from the easterly point of which bay, viz.: from Smallpoint, the line shall run north-westerly upon said Casco bay to Newmeadows creek or river, and up said creek or river, as far as Stevens' carrying place at the head of said creek or river; thence across said carrying place to Merrymeeting bay and Androscoggin river; from thence it shall run up said Androscoggin river thirty miles; and from thence north two degrees west on a true course to the utmost northern limits of the province; including all the islands in Casco bay aforesaid, and on the sea coast of the said new county; and all the towns, districts and lands within the said bounds, together with the islands aforesaid, shall, from and after the first day of November, one thousand seven hundred and sixty, be and remain one entire and distinct county, by the name of Cumberland, of which Falmouth shall be the shire or county town; and the inhabitants of said county of Cumberland shall have, use, exercise and enjoy all such powers, privileges and immunities, as, by law, the inhabitants of any other county within this province have, use, exercise and enjoy.

Boundaries of Cumberland defined.

Boundaries of
Lincoln de-
fined.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the most eastern county shall be bounded in the following manner; that is to say: on the west by the county of Cumberland aforesaid, on the east by the province of Nova Scotia, on the south and south-east by the sea or western ocean, and on the north by the utmost northern limits of this province; including all the islands to the eastward of the county of Cumberland aforesaid; and all the towns, districts and lands within said bounds, together with the islands aforesaid, shall, from and after the first day of November, one thousand seven hundred and sixty, be and remain one entire and distinct county by the name of Lincoln, of which Pownalborough shall be the shire or county town; and the inhabitants of the said county of Lincoln shall have, use, exercise and enjoy all such powers, privileges and immunities, as, by law, the inhabitants of any other county within this province have, use, exercise and enjoy.

[PASSED A. D. 1760.]

An act for erecting and establishing two new counties in the county of Lincoln, and declaring the boundaries of the county of Lincoln in future.

[EXTRACT.]

WHEREAS the great extent of the county of Lincoln makes it convenient, that two new counties should be erected and established in the easterly part thereof,

Boundaries of
Lincoln
changed.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, &c.*, That the county of Lincoln aforesaid, be and hereby is declared to be, bounded, easterly by a line beginning at Penobscot bay, in the boundary line between the town of Thomaston and the town of Camden; thence running northwesterly by the east line of Thomaston, Warren and Union, to the north-east corner of Union; thence north twenty-two degrees and one half of a degree east, until it intersects the north line of the Waldo patent; thence north to the highlands; all the other boundary lines of said county to remain the same as heretofore; *provided*, That no island, lying to the eastward of a line to be drawn due south from the most easterly part of the county of Lincoln, as declared to be bounded by this act, shall be considered as belonging to the said county of Lincoln.

Hancock;
boundaries
established.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the westernmost of the two new counties aforesaid, shall be, and it is hereby declared to be, bounded, westerly by the easterly line of the county of Lincoln above described; easterly by a line beginning at the bounds making the northeast corner of Goldsborough and southeast corner of township number seven; thence running northerly by the east line of number seven, and by the east line of number ten, to the southeast corner of township number sixteen; from thence due north to the highlands, including all the islands on the sea coast of the said new county, lying between lines drawn due south from the easterly part of the county of Lincoln, as before described, and the northeasterly corner of Goldsborough aforesaid; and all the towns, districts and lands within said bounds shall, from and after the first day of May, one thousand seven hundred and ninety, be and remain one entire and distinct county, by the name of Hancock, of which Penobscot shall be the shire or county town; and the inhabitants of said county of Hancock shall

have, use, exercise and enjoy all such powers, privileges, and immunities as by law the inhabitants of any other county, within this commonwealth, have, use, exercise and enjoy.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That the easternmost of the two new counties aforesaid shall be bounded in the following manner, viz.: westerly by the easterly line of the county of Hancock aforesaid; on the south and southeast by the sea or western ocean; on the north by the utmost northern limits of this commonwealth; and easterly by the river St. Croix; comprehending all the lands within this commonwealth to the eastward of the line of the county of Hancock aforesaid, including all the islands on the sea coast of the said easternmost county; and all the towns, districts and lands within said bounds, together with the islands aforesaid, shall, from and after the first day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety, be and remain one entire and distinct county, by the name of Washington; of which Machias shall be the shire or county town. And the inhabitants of the said county of Washington shall have, use, exercise and enjoy, all such powers, privileges and immunities, as, by law, the inhabitants of any other county within this commonwealth, have, use, exercise and enjoy.

Washington;
boundaries
established.

[PASSED JUNE 25, 1789.]

An act setting off part of the county of Hancock, and annexing it to the county of Lincoln. [EXTRACT.]

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, &c.,* That all the lands contained within the following bounds, namely, beginning at Little Duck Trap, so called, thence running north-westerly on the northeasterly line of the town of Camden, to the northerly corner of said Camden; thence continuing on the same course, with the north-easterly line of said Camden, until it intersects the dividing line between the counties of Lincoln and Hancock; thence running southerly to Union; thence southeasterly on the east line of Union, Warren and Thomaston, to Penobscot bay; thence northerly by said bay to Little Duck Trap, the first mentioned bound, with all the inhabitants thereon, shall be and hereby are set off from the county of Hancock, and annexed to the county of Lincoln.

Part of Hancock annexed to Lincoln.

[PASSED MARCH 3, 1791.]

An act to divide the county of Lincoln, and to constitute the northerly part thereof a separate county, by the name of the county of Kennebec. [EXTRACT.]

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, &c.,* That the county of Lincoln shall be divided, by a line beginning on the westerly line of the county of Hancock, at a place from which a line running west northwest shall strike the northeasterly corner of the town of Harlem; from thence running southeasterly by the easterly line of said town to the southeasterly corner thereof; thence southwesterly on a straight line to the northeasterly corner of Pittston; thence by the easterly line of said Pittston to the southeasterly corner thereof; thence westerly by the southerly line of said Pittston to the southwesterly corner of said town last mentioned; thence northwesterly by the westerly line of said

Lincoln divided and new boundaries established.

Pittston to the mouth of Purgatory stream, so called, which empties itself into Cobbesecontee stream, so called; thence west northwest to the east line of the town of Monmouth; thence southerly by the east line of said Monmouth to the southeasterly corner thereof; thence westerly by the southerly line of said Monmouth to the westerly corner of said town; thence west to the easterly line of the town of Greene; thence southerly by the easterly line of said Greene to the southeasterly corner thereof; and thence westerly by the southerly line of said Greene to Androscoggin river, or the dividing line between the counties of Cumberland and Lincoln; and the county of Lincoln aforesaid, be, and the same is hereby declared to be, bounded, northerly and westerly by the line aforesaid.

Kennebec,
boundaries
defined.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That all and every part and parcel of the late county of Lincoln, situated on the northerly and westerly side of the aforesaid dividing line, and extending northerly and westerly, so as to comprehend all the territory lying between the counties of Cumberland and Hancock, and on the northerly and westerly side of the dividing line aforesaid, shall be and the same hereby is formed and erected into an entire and distinct county by the name of Kennebec, of which Augusta shall be the shire or county town; And the inhabitants of the said county of Kennebec shall have and possess, use, exercise and enjoy all the powers, rights and immunities, which, by the constitution and laws of this Commonwealth, the inhabitants of any county within the same have, possess, use, exercise, enjoy and are entitled to.

[PASSED FEBRUARY 21, 1799.]

An act to alter the line between the counties of Lincoln and Kennebec.

Litchfield an-
nexed to Lin-
coln.

Be it enacted, &c., That the limits of the said counties of Lincoln and Kennebec be, and they hereby are, so far changed and altered, as to include all the town of Litchfield, with the inhabitants, in the county of Lincoln, and that the land and inhabitants in the town of Litchfield, which are now included in the county of Kennebec, shall hereafter be subject to all duties and taxes, and possess all the privileges and rights, which the other land and inhabitants in said county of Lincoln possess.

[PASSED FEBRUARY 25, 1811.]

An act altering the line between the counties of Kennebec and Lincoln.

Alteration of
county lines
between Ken-
nebec and
Lincoln.

Be it enacted, &c., That, from and after the passing of this act, the county line between the counties of Kennebec and Lincoln be, and it is hereby altered, so as to include the town of Malta wholly within the said county of Kennebec, and the town of Whitefield wholly within the said county of Lincoln.

[PASSED FEBRUARY 29, 1812.]

An act to incorporate a part of the counties of York and Cumberland into a separate county by the name of Oxford. [EXTRACT.]

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, &c.*, That the counties of York and Cumberland shall be divided by a line, beginning at a place called the Crooked Ripples on Androscoggin river, at the southeast corner of the town of Turner; from thence to run westerly on the dividing line between the towns of Turner and Minot, to the most northeasterly corner of said town of Minot; from thence southwesterly on the line between the towns of Minot and Hebron, to the southwesterly corner of said Hebron; thence northwesterly on the line between the towns of Hebron and Otisfield, to the town of Norway; thence westerly and northerly on the line between the towns of Otisfield and Norway to the southeasterly corner of the town of Waterford; thence westerly on the line between said Waterford and Otisfield, to the northeasterly corner of the town of Bridgton; thence westerly on the northerly line of said Bridgton to the northwest corner thereof; thence southerly on the westerly side line of said Bridgton, to the southwest corner thereof; thence westerly on the north line of the town of Baldwin and Prescott's grant, to Saco river; thence down the middle of said Saco river, to the mouth of the river called the great Ossipee; thence westerly by a line drawn on the middle of the river last mentioned, to the line of the state of New Hampshire; and the counties of York and Cumberland aforesaid be, and the same are hereby declared to be bounded northerly by the line aforesaid.

Boundaries of York and Cumberland altered.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That all and every part and parcel of the late counties of York and Cumberland, situated on the northerly side of the line before described, and extending northerly and westerly, so as to comprehend all the territory lying between the state of New Hampshire and the county of Kennebec, and on the northerly side of the dividing line aforesaid, excepting the towns of Wilton, Temple, Avon, and township number three, on Sandy river, northerly of Avon, which towns shall be considered as belonging to the county of Kennebec, shall be, and the same is, hereby formed and erected into an entire and distinct county, by the name of Oxford, of which Paris shall be the shire or county town; and the inhabitants of said county of Oxford shall hold, possess, use, exercise and enjoy all the powers, rights and immunities, which, by the constitution and laws of this commonwealth, the inhabitants of any county within the same do hold, possess, use, exercise, enjoy and are entitled to.

Oxford boundary lines defined.

[PASSED MARCH 4, 1805.]

An act to divide the county of Kennebec, and to constitute the northerly part thereof into a county by the name of the county of Somerset. [EXTRACT.]

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, &c.*, That the county of Kennebec shall be divided by a line, beginning on the westerly line of the county of Hancock, at the northeasterly corner of township number four, north of the Waldo Patent; thence running westerly on the northerly line of said township and the town of Unity, to the northwest corner of the town of Unity aforesaid; thence due west, to the easterly line of the town of Clinton; thence northerly by said Clinton, to the northeast corner thereof; thence westerly by the northerly line of Clinton,

Line of boundary of Kennebec changed.

to Kennebec river; thence down the middle of said river, to the line between the towns of Waterville and Fairfield; thence westerly, between the towns last mentioned, to the southwesterly corner of said Fairfield; thence westerly on a straight line, to the southeasterly corner of the town of Mercer; thence westerly on the southerly line of said town of Mercer, to the easterly line of the town of New Sharon; thence northwesterly, on the northeasterly line of the town of New Sharon aforesaid, to the easterly line of the town of Farmington; thence northerly and westerly, on the easterly and northerly line of said town of Farmington, to the easterly line of the town of Temple; thence northerly and westerly, on the easterly and northerly line of the town of Temple, to the easterly line of the county of Oxford: and the bounds of the county by this act created, on the east, shall be the line heretofore established between the counties of Hancock and Kennebec; and on the west, by the line between the counties of Kennebec and Oxford; and on the north, by the line on the high land; being the boundary between the district of Maine and the province of Lower Canada.

Somerset;
boundaries of,
defined.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That all and every part and parcel of the late county of Kennebec, included within the lines before described, shall be, and the same is, hereby formed and erected into an entire and distinct county, by the name of Somerset; of which Norridgewock shall be the shire or county town. And the inhabitants of the said county of Somerset shall hold, possess, use, exercise and enjoy, all the powers, rights and immunities, which, by the constitution and laws of this commonwealth, the inhabitants of any county within the same do hold, possess, use, exercise, enjoy and are entitled to.

[PASSED MARCH 1, 1809.]

An act to alter and establish a part of the line between the counties of Kennebec and Somerset.

County lines
between Som-
set and Ken-
nebec altered.

Be it enacted, &c., That, from and after the passing of this act, a part of the line between the counties of Kennebec and Somerset shall be as follows, viz.: beginning at the northwest corner of township number four, now Kingville, and running due west until it strikes the line of the town of Clinton, at a monument of stones there to be erected.

[PASSED FEBRUARY 26, 1813.]

An act to ascertain and establish a part of the west line of the county of Somerset, and for other purposes. [EXTRACT.]

Somerset
county line
altered.

Be it enacted, &c., That, from and after the passing of this act, the west line of the tract of land, called Bingham's Tract or Patent, or otherwise called the Million Acres, lying on both sides of Kennebec river, until it intersects the north line of said Bingham's Tract, including the whole of said Million Acres, shall be, and hereby is established, and declared to be the west line of said county of Somerset.

[PASSED FEBRUARY 2, 1819.]

An act for dividing the county of Hancock, and establishing a new county by the name of Penobscot. [EXTRACT.]

Be it enacted, &c., That all the territory in the county of Hancock which lies north of the Waldo Patent, on the west side of Penobscot river, and north and west of the following lines on the east side of said river: beginning at said river, at the south line of Orrington, thence running easterly, on the southerly lines of Orrington, Brewer, and the Gore east of Brewer, to the west line of the Bingham purchase: thence northerly by said Bingham purchase, to the northwest corner thereof: thence easterly on the north line of said Bingham purchase, to the county of Washington; be, and hereby is constituted a new county, by the name of Penobscot; whereof Bangor shall be the shire town, until otherwise ordered by the general court: and the inhabitants of said county of Penobscot shall have and possess, use and enjoy all the powers, rights and immunities, which, by the constitution and laws of this commonwealth, any other inhabitants are entitled to.

Penobscot established; lines defined.

[PASSED FEBRUARY 15, 1816.]

An act establishing the county of Waldo. [EXTRACT.]

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted &c.*, That, from and after the third day of July next, all that portion of the present territory of the county of Hancock, which lies westward of the Penobscot bay and river, with the town of Islesbrough, in said county, and the towns of Camden, Hope, Montville and Palermo, and the plantations of Appleton and Montville in the county of Lincoln, and the towns of Freedom, Unity, Montgomery and Burnham, in the county of Kennebec, be, and hereby are constituted and made a county, by the name of Waldo, whereof Belfast shall be the shire town: and the inhabitants of said territory, towns and plantations, from and after the said third day of July, shall have and possess, use and enjoy, all the powers, rights, privileges and immunities, and be subject to all the duties, which, by the constitution and laws of the state, are granted to and imposed upon the inhabitants of other counties.

Waldo established; boundaries defined.

[PASSED FEBRUARY 7, 1827.]

An act explanatory of the act establishing the county of Waldo.

Be it enacted, &c., That the Plantation heretofore known by the name of Montville plantation, and so described in the act, passed at the present session, establishing the county of Waldo, be, and the same hereby is, and shall be hereafter considered to be, that portion of the territory of the county of Lincoln which is now incorporated as a town by the name of Liberty: and that said town of Liberty is intended by said act to be, and henceforth shall be a portion of the territory of and included within the limits of said county of Waldo.

Liberty to be included in Waldo.

[PASSED FEBRUARY 17, 1827.]

An act additional to an act entitled "an act establishing the county of Waldo."
[EXTRACT.]

Boundaries of
Waldo further
defined.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, &c.*, That, from and after the passage of this act, the dividing line between the counties of Hancock and Waldo shall be the middle of the channel of the Penobscot river and bay, commencing in the middle of said river at the northerly line of said county of Waldo, and descending the same, leaving Orphan island on the east and Islesborough on the west, till it intersects a line drawn due east from the southern corner of said county of Waldo.

[PASSED JANUARY, 22, 1828.]

An act altering the division line between the counties of Hancock and Washington.

Dividing lines
between Han-
cock and
Washington.

Be it enacted &c., That, from and after the passage of this act, the division line between the counties of Hancock and Washington be, and hereby is established, as follows, to wit: beginning at the southeast corner of township numbered sixteen, thence northerly on the line dividing townships numbered sixteen and seventeen, twenty-two and twenty-three, twenty-eight and twenty-nine, to the northeast corner of township numbered twenty-eight; thence easterly on the line dividing townships numbered twenty-nine and thirty five, to the southeast corner of the last-mentioned township; thence northerly on the line dividing the townships numbered thirty-five and thirty-six, forty-one and forty-two, four and five, to the north line of the Bingham purchase: and said line is hereby declared to be the true boundary line, so far as it extends, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

[PASSED MARCH 17, 1831.]

An act to annex the town of Corinna to the county of Penobscot. [EXTRACT.]

Corinna an-
nexed to
Penobscot.

Be it enacted, &c., That the town of Corinna, in the county of Somerset, be, and the same hereby is, set off from the county of Somerset, and annexed to, and made part of the county of Penobscot.

[PASSED FEBRUARY 10, 1833.]

An act to annex the town of Litchfield to the county of Kennebec. [EXTRACT.]

Litchfield an-
nexed to
Kennebec.

Be it enacted, &c., That the town of Litchfield, in the county of Lincoln, be, and the same hereby is, set off from said county of Lincoln, and annexed to, and made part of the county of Kennebec.

[PASSED MARCH 10, 1835.]

An act establishing the County of Franklin. [EXTRACT.]

Franklin coun-
ty established;
boundaries
defined.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted &c.*, That, from and after the date of the proclamation of the governor as is hereinafter provided, the towns of New Sharon, Chesterville, Wilton, Temple, and Farmington, in the county of Kennebec; and Jay, Carthage, Weld, Berlin, Madrid, townships numbered six, Letter E and D, in the county of Oxford;

thence extending northerly from the north-west corner of letter D, on the line betwixt townships numbered three and four, through the several ranges of townships to Canada line, so as to include three tiers of townships west of the west line of the Bingham purchase in said county of Oxford; and Industry, New Vineyard, Strong, Avon, Phillips, Freeman, Salem, Kingfield, townships numbered four in the first range west of Kingfield, three and four in the second range, and the south half of township numbered four in the third range of the Bingham purchase in the county of Somerset, be and hereby are constituted and made a county by the name of Franklin, whereof Farmington shall be the shire town; and the inhabitants of said territory, towns and plantations, from and after the date of the proclamation of the governor, as is hereinafter provided, shall have and possess, use and enjoy, all the powers, rights, privileges and immunities, and be subject to all the duties, which, by the constitution and laws of this state, are granted to and imposed upon the inhabitants of other counties.

[PASSED MARCH 20, 1838.]

An act establishing the county of Piscataquis. [EXTRACT.]

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, &c.*, That, from and after the last day of April next, all that portion of territory lying north of the south lines of Parkman and Wellington, in the county of Somerset, and lying north of the north lines of the towns of Dexter, Garland, Charleston, Bradford, and south line of Kilmarnock, in the county of Penobscot; and bounded east by the east lines of Milton, Kilmarnock, and townships numbered four, in the eighth and ninth ranges; and thence bounded east by a line running north, from the northeast corner of said township, numbered four in the ninth range, to the north line of the state; and bounded on the west by the west lines of Wellington, Kingsbury, Shirley, and township number two, in the fifth range; and thence bounded west by a line running north, from the northwest corner of said township number two, to the Kennebec river; thence up and by the southerly bank of said river to Moose Head lake; thence bounded westerly by the westerly margin of said lake, to the northwest angle of said lake—and thence bounded west by a line running north to the north line of the state—be and the same is hereby constituted and made a county, by the name of Piscataquis; and the inhabitants of said territory, from and after the last day of April next, shall have, possess, use and enjoy, all the powers, rights and immunities, and be subject to all the duties, which, by the constitution and laws of the state, are granted and imposed upon the inhabitants of other counties.

Piscataquis established; boundaries defined.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That Dover shall be the shire town of said county of Piscataquis.

Dover to be shire town.

[PASSED MARCH 23, 1838.]

An act to establish the county of Aroostook. [EXTRACT.]

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, &c.*, That, from and after the first day of May next, all that part of the state lying north of the north line of the fourth range of townships, north of the lottery townships, and

Aroostook county established; boundaries defined.

east of the dividing line between ranges five and six, west of the east line of the state, and of a line from the north termination of the said dividing line, and running the same course, to the north line of the state, be and is hereby constituted and made a county by the name of Aroostook, whereof Houlton shall be the shire town; and the inhabitants of the before described territory, from and after the first day of May next, shall have and possess, use and enjoy, all the powers, rights, privileges and immunities, and be subject to all the duties, which, by the constitution and laws of the state, are granted to and imposed upon the inhabitants of other counties.

[PASSED MARCH 16, 1839.]

An act to annex the town of Wales to the county of Kennebec. [EXTRACT.]

Wales annexed to Kennebec.

Be it enacted, &c., That the town of Wales, in the county of Lincoln, be, and the same hereby is, set off from the said county of Lincoln, and annexed to, and made part of the county of Kennebec.

[PASSED JANUARY 27, 1840.]

An act setting off the northerly part of the county of Penobscot and annexing the same to the county of Aroostook.

Part of Penobscot annexed to Aroostook.

Be it enacted, &c., All the lands in the county of Penobscot, lying north of townships numbered eight in the sixth range, eight in the seventh range, and eight in the eighth range of townships west from the east line of the state, with all the inhabitants thereon, shall be and hereby are set off from the county of Penobscot, and annexed to the county of Aroostook.

[PASSED MARCH 21, 1843.]

An act to divide the town of Livermore and incorporate the easterly part thereof into a town by the name of East Livermore, and annex the same to Kennebec county. [EXTRACT.]

Livermore divided.

Be it enacted, &c. SEC. 1. All that part of the town of Livermore in the county of Oxford, on the east side of the Androscoggin river, is hereby set off and incorporated into a town by the name of East Livermore.

East Livermore set off to Kennebec.

SEC. 3. Said town of East Livermore, from and after the first of March, A. D. 1844, shall be annexed to and be a part of the county of Kennebec.

[PASSED MARCH 20, 1843.]

An act altering the division lines between the counties of Hancock and Washington; and between Penobscot and Washington; Penobscot, Piscataquis and Aroostook; and between Piscataquis and Somerset.

Hancock and Washington county lines altered.

Be it enacted, &c., SEC. 1. The division line between the counties of Hancock and Washington is hereby established as follows: Beginning at the southeast corner of township numbered seven, in

the south division of Bingham's Penobscot purchase, and the north-east corner of the town of Gouldsbrough; thence southeasterly and southerly, in the principal or middle channel of Gouldsbrough harbor, to the Atlantic ocean.

SEC. 2. The division line between the counties of Penobscot and Washington is hereby established as follows: Beginning in the line of the county of Penobscot, as now established in the northerly line of Bingham's Penobscot purchase; thence running easterly in the north line of said purchase, to the westerly line of township numbered six, in the first range north of said purchase; thence northerly in the line dividing five and six in the first range, six and seven in the second range, seven and eight in the third range, and seven and eight in the fourth range, to the southerly line of Aroostook county.

Division line between Washington and Penobscot established.

SEC. 3. That part of the dividing line between Penobscot and Piscataquis, north of township numbered four, in the ninth range, north of the Waldo patent, shall be established as follows: Beginning in the east line of the county of Piscataquis, at the northeast corner of said township; thence westerly on the north line of said township, to the east line of township B, in the tenth range of townships west from the east line of the state; thence north on the line between the ninth and tenth ranges of townships, until it strikes the west line of Indian township number four, (or the west upper Indian township): thence along said west line to the northwest corner of said Indian township; thence easterly on the northerly line of said Indian township, to the southeast corner of township numbered one, in the ninth range; thence north on the line dividing the eighth and ninth ranges of townships, to the northwest corner of township numbered eight, range eight.

Between Penobscot and Piscataquis.

SEC. 4. The division line between the counties of Piscataquis and Somerset is hereby established as follows: Beginning in the west line of Piscataquis county, in the southerly line of township W, at the head of Moosehead lake; thence along its southerly line, easterly to its easterly line; thence northerly along its easterly line to the northerly line thereof, and along the easterly line of Seboomook township, to its northeasterly corner; thence westerly along its northerly line, till it strikes the division line between the fifteenth and sixteenth ranges of townships west of the east line of the state; thence north in the division line between the fifteenth and sixteenth ranges of townships, to the northwest corner of township numbered eight, in the fifteenth range west from the east line of the state; thence same course north to the line of the county of Aroostook, as established by section five of this act.

Between Piscataquis and Somerset.

SEC. 5. The dividing line between the counties of Aroostook and Piscataquis and Aroostook and Somerset, shall be as follows: Beginning at the northwest corner of township number eight, in the eighth range of townships west from the east line of the state; thence north to a point due west from the northwest corner of township numbered ten, in the seventh range of townships west from the east line of the state; thence west to the west line of the state.

Between Aroostook and other counties.

SEC. 6. This act shall be in force from and after its approval by the governor.

[PASSED MARCH 12, 1844.]

An act to establish the county of Androscoggin. [EXTRACT.]

Androscoggin established. What towns are included within its limits.

The towns of Lewiston, Lisbon and Webster, in the county of Lincoln; Auburn, Danville, Durham, Minot and Poland, in the county of Cumberland; Livermore and Turner, in the county of Oxford; and East Livermore, Greene, Leeds and Wales, in the county of Kennebec, are hereby constituted a county by the name of Androscoggin; the permanent shire town thereof shall be Lewiston, Auburn or Danville, to be determined as hereinafter provided; and the county buildings shall be located within the limits of the Lewiston Falls Village Corporation; and said county shall have and possess, use and enjoy, all the powers, rights, privileges and immunities, and be subject to all the duties, which, by the constitution and laws of this state, are granted to and imposed upon the inhabitants of other counties.

[APPROVED MARCH 18, 1854.]

Auburn, shire town of Androscoggin.

NOTE. Pursuant to the provisions of section twelve of the act from which the foregoing is an extract, Auburn, by a vote of the people and proclamation of the governor thereon, was established the shire town of the county of Androscoggin.

An act to establish the County of Sagadahoc. [EXTRACT.]

Sagadahoc established; what towns are included within its limits.

The towns of Arrowsic, Bowdoin, Bowdoinham, Georgetown, Woolwich, Perkins, Phipsburg, Richmond, Topsham, West Bath, and the city of Bath, all in the county of Lincoln, be and the same are hereby constituted and made a county by the name of Sagadahoc, whereof the shire town shall be as hereinafter provided; and the inhabitants of said territory shall have, possess, use and enjoy, all the powers, rights and immunities, and be subject to all the duties, which, by the constitution and laws of the state, are granted to and imposed upon the inhabitants of other counties.

[APPROVED APRIL 4, 1854.]

Bath, shire town.

NOTE. Pursuant to the provisions of section eighteen of the act from which the foregoing is an extract, Bath, by vote of the people and proclamation of the governor thereon, was established the shire town of the county of Sagadahoc.

An act to establish the county of Knox. [EXTRACT.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

Knox county established.

SEC. 1. The towns of Appleton, Camden, Hope, North Haven, and Vinalhaven, in the county of Waldo, and Cushing, Friendship, Rockland, South Thomaston, St. George, Thomaston, Union, Warren and Washington, the plantations of Martinicus and of Muscle Ridge, in the county of Lincoln, are constituted a county by the name of Knox, which shall have all the powers, privileges and immunities, and be subject to all the duties and obligations of other counties in the state by the constitution and laws thereof. The shire town of the county of Knox shall be Rockland.

Shire town.

[PASSED MARCH 5, 1860.]