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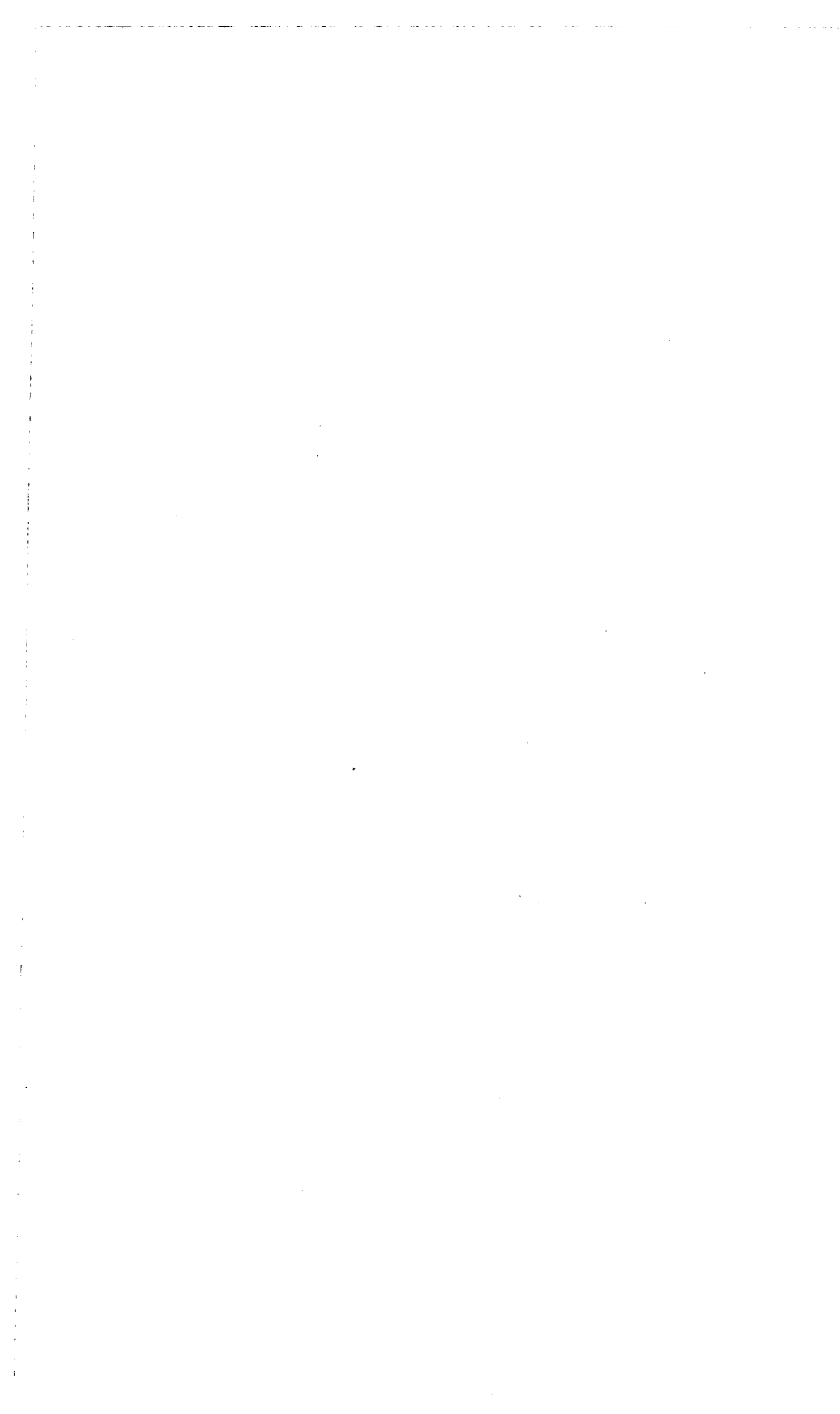
HOUSE.

REPORT

RELATING TO

SHEPARD CAREY.

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REPORT.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
March 8, 1839. }

THE Committee of the House of Representatives, who were instructed by the order of the House of the 16th February, 1839, "to ascertain if any member of this House is concerned in any unlawful operations in cutting timber upon the disputed territory, either directly or indirectly, or in furnishing supplies, aiding or abetting any person in such operations," "and also to inquire whether any member under pretence of going to Boston, has gone eastward by a circuitous or direct route to the disputed territory, or left the direct route to Boston for any purpose," have had under consideration the subject of said order, and ask leave to

R E P O R T :

That under the first inquiry contained in said order, there has been no evidence produced to your Committee, implicating any member of this House, either as engaged in unlawful operations in cutting timber on the disputed territory, or in aiding or abetting any person in such operations. Under the second inquiry contained in said order, your Com-

mittee have inquired into the various reports that have been in circulation, and in justice to the member of this House who has been implicated by said reports, have deemed it their duty to present the following statement of facts : That Shepard Carey, the member of this House from the Houlton &c. District, left this town for Boston the twenty-second day of January last, and returned and resumed his seat in this House the thirtieth day of the same month.

It was proved to the satisfaction of your Committee, that Mr. Carey went to Boston direct from Augusta, and was seen in Boston on different days between the time of his departure from and return to this place. This fact would seem to your Committee, of itself to be sufficient to exonerate Mr. Carey from the charge or insinuation of having, under pretence of going to Boston, taken a circuitous or direct route to the disputed territory, as it would be impossible for him, during the time of his absence, to have visited both places. But your Committee have examined into the origin of the various reports in circulation, and particularly the communication in the Eastern Argus, which was the cause of the introduction of the order under which your Committee were appointed. The author of that communication appeared before the Committee and stated that he had no authority for making the statements therein contained, other than

the rumors that had been in circulation for some days in the Capitol—that the communication was not intended for publication—that he not only had no evidence of the statements therein made, but that he could not inform the Committee of any person or persons who had communicated them to him. Your Committee also summoned before them Paul Hanson, the person to whom these reports were traced as their author. He had been in the eastern country and had seen a brother of Mr. Carey there, but did not see him; and the only evidence which he was enabled to give in relation to said member being on the disputed territory, was the fact that on his return he was asked if he had met Mr. Carey, the member of this House, going eastward. The Committee were also presented with the proceedings of a meeting of the constituents of the member from Houlton, without distinction of party, called for the purpose of ascertaining the truth of a report that their representative was concerned in trespassing on the State in the disputed territory; which meeting adopted the following Report unanimously, viz: “That after having given public notice to all persons who could give any information as to the foregoing charge against Mr. Carey, to appear before their Committee, we have given the subject a considerate examination, and are unanimously of the opinion that said charge is entirely without foundation.”

SHEPARD CAREY.

Upon a review of all the facts presented to your Committee, they are unanimously of the opinion that neither Mr. Carey nor any other member of this House, are amenable to the charges specified in the order under which your Committee were appointed. All which is submitted.

WYMAN B. S. MOOR, *Per order.*

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The foregoing Report having been read, Ordered, That the same be laid upon the table, and that 300 copies thereof be printed for the use of the Legislature.

GEO. ROBINSON, *Clerk.*