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# TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE.

NO. 1.]

[SENATE.

### REPORT OF COUNCIL

IN RELATION TO

## AMENDMENTS

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#### To the Senate and House of Representatives :

I herewith communicate to you a copy of a Report, accepted by the Council, and approved by the Governor, in relation to the votes given by the people, on the second Monday of September last, upon the questions submitted to them by virtue of the "Resolves providing for amendments to the Constitution, in relation to the meeting of the Legislature, the number of Representatives, and the term of office of the Governor and other State officers," and also by virtue of the "Resolve submitting to the people the question whether the number of Representatives shall be increased or diminished."

#### EDWARD KENT.

Council Chamber, January 5, 1842. .

### STATE OF MAINE.

IN COUNCIL, December 10th, 1841.

THE Committee of the whole Council, to which were referred the returns of the votes upon the questions proposed by Resolves, approved April 16, A. D. 1841, entitled "Resolves providing for amendments to the Constitution in relation to the meeting of the Legislature, the number of Representatives, and the term of office of the Governor and other State officers," which were cast in the several cities, towns, and plantations in this State, and duly returned to the office of the Secretary of State, having examined the same,

### REPORT:

On the question, Shall the Constitution be amended, by adopting the first Resolve for the amendment of the Constitution, passed by the Legislature proposing to elect the Governor, members of the Legislature and other State officers for the term of two years, and that the Legislature shall meet once in two years?"

The number of ballots returned having the word

#### 6 AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

"Yes" expressed thereon, was nine thousand and four:

The number of ballots, having the word "No" expressed thereon, was twenty seven thousand two hundred and fifty.

On the second question, Shall the Constitution be amended by adopting the second Resolve, passed by the Legislature for the amendment of the Constitution, proposing that the number of Representatives shall be established at one hundred and fifty one?"

The number of ballots returned, having the word "Yes" expressed thereon, was twenty three thousand eight hundred and eighty four.

The number of ballots, having the word "No" expressed thereon, was six thousand six hundred and forty.

Also on the question submitted to them by a Resolve approved April 16, A. D. 1841, entitled "Resolve submitting to the people the question whether the number of the Representatives shall be increased or diminished."

The number of ballots returned, having the word "increase" expressed thereon, was two thousand and ninety seven:—And the number of ballots, having the word "diminish" expressed thereon, was twenty seven thousand one hundred and twenty seven.

Which is respectfully submitted.

DAVID DUNLAP, Chairman.

IN COUNCIL, December 10, 1841. Read and accepted by the Council, and by the Governor approved.

Attest : SAM'L P. BENSON, Secretary of State.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE. AUGUSTA, January 5, 1842. A true copy of the original on file in this Office. Attest : SAM'L P. BENSON, Secretary of State.

#### STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, January 5, 1842.

Ordered, That the foregoing Message with the accompanying Report, be laid on the table, and 500 copies be printed for the use of the Senate.

(Extract from the Journal.)

Attest,

JERE HASKELL, Secretary,