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MESSAGE FROM GOVERNOR MORRILL,

RETURNING

“An Act to set off parts of Whitefield and Jefferson and annex the same to Patricktown Plantation.”

STATE OF MAINE.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

The last Legislature passed a bill entitled “An Act to set off parts of Whitefield and Jefferson, and annex the same to Patricktown Plantation.” This bill passed the Senate on the twelfth of March but was not finally laid before me for approval until the eve of the adjournment of the Legislature.

The papers which accompany this bill show that the subject was brought before the Legislature by the petition of the Assessors of Patricktown Plantation. That notice was served on the towns of Whitefield and Jefferson to appear and shew cause why the prayer of the petitioners should not be granted. A remonstrance numerously signed by the legal voters of the town of Jefferson was presented embracing, it is believed, nearly every voter residing on the territory proposed to be set off from Jefferson, and setting forth the facts, and urging as reasons why the prayer of the petitioners should not be

granted, that the contemplated line, if established, would cut and divide a large number of farms now in Jefferson leaving portions of them in the Plantation; that it would injuriously divide school districts and otherwise seriously discommode the inhabitants proposed to be set off from said town to Jefferson. No persons living on the territory which the assessors of Patricktown Plantation asked to have annexed, are found as petitioners for that purpose. It also appears that the committee on division of towns, after hearing the parties on the third day of March, reported "leave to withdraw." This report was amended in the House and the petitioners allowed to bring in the following bill:

SECTION 1. The following described territory, beginning at Sheepscoot river, one hundred and fifty rods from south end of William Glidden's saw mill in the town of Whitefield; thence easterly to the south east corner of Patricktown Plantation in the town of Jefferson, is hereby set off from Whitefield and Jefferson, to which said territory now belongs, and annexed to Patricktown Plantation.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its approval by the Governor.

Such is a brief view of the origin of the petition, its opposition and the action of the Legislature thereon.

The bill is very imperfectly drawn, and the description and bounds so indefinitely made as to render it impossible for any surveyor with no other light than what the bill affords, to run the lines intended to be established by the Legislature. The point of beginning is to be at Sheepscoot river, one hundred and fifty rods from the south end of William Glidden's saw mill in Whitefield; thence easterly to the south east corner of Patricktown Plantation. No further description or courses are given; and how the westerly line of the territory to be set off is to be ascertained and fixed, the bill utterly fails to point out. No westerly bounds are given, and it is most apparent that, should this bill become a law, additional legislation would be required before the limits of the Plantation could be ascer-

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tained and fixed. I have, therefore, felt it my duty to withhold my approval of the bill, and herewith return it to the House where it originated.

ANSON P. MORRILL.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, }
Jan. 1, 1856. }

STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
January 5, 1856. }

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DAVID DUNN, *Clerk.*