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No. 11.

STATE OF MAINE.

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COUNCIL CHAMBER, }  
January 2d, 1856. }

*To the Senate and House of Representatives  
in Legislature assembled :*

In compliance with the provisions of Resolves of the last Legislature providing for an amendment of the Constitution relating to the elective franchise, approved March 17, 1855, the Governor and Council have counted the votes given in on the tenth day of September last, in the several cities, towns and plantations in this State, as made out and returned to the office of the Secretary of State, on the several questions submitted under said resolves, and I herewith make return thereof to the Legislature as required.

ANSON P. MORRILL.

## STATE OF MAINE.

IN COUNCIL, }  
November 19, 1855. }

The committee of the whole Council, to which were referred the lists of votes given in on the tenth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, in the several cities, towns and plantations in this State, as made out and returned to the office of the Secretary of State, on the questions of amendment of the constitution, as provided in resolves of the Legislature entitled "Resolves providing for an amendment of the constitution relating to the elective franchise," approved March seventeenth, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, having carefully examined and counted the same,

## REPORT:

That on the question "shall the constitution be amended as proposed by a resolve of the Legislature providing that the Judges of Probate shall be chosen by the people," the number of ballots having the word "yes" expressed thereon is seventeen thousand four hundred and thirty-six, and the number of ballots having the word "no" expressed thereon is twelve thousand four hundred and seventeen; and a majority of the votes being in favor of said amendment, it has been adopted as a part of the constitution.

On the question "shall the constitution be amended as proposed by a resolve of the Legislature, providing that the Registers of Probate shall be chosen by the people," the number of ballots having the word "yes" expressed thereon is sixteen thousand nine hundred and three, and the number of ballots having the word "no" expressed thereon is eleven thousand seven hundred and fifty-three; and a majority of the votes being

in favor of said amendment, it has been adopted as a part of the constitution.

On the question "shall the constitution be amended as proposed by a resolve of the Legislature providing that the Municipal and Police Judges shall be chosen by the people," the number of ballots having the word "yes" expressed thereon is sixteen thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, and the number of ballots having the word "no" expressed thereon is eleven thousand seven hundred and ninety-two; and a majority of the votes being in favor of said amendment, it has been adopted as a part of the constitution.

On the question "shall the constitution be amended as proposed by a resolve of the Legislature providing that the Sheriffs shall be chosen by the people," the number of ballots having the word "yes" expressed thereon is seventeen thousand three hundred and eight, and the number of ballots having the word "no" expressed thereon is eleven thousand seven hundred and seventy-one; and a majority of the votes being in favor of said amendment, it has been adopted as a part of the constitution.

On the question "shall the constitution be amended as proposed by a resolve of the Legislature providing that the Land Agent shall be chosen by the Legislature as the Secretary of State, State Treasurer and Councilors, now are," the number of ballots having the word "yes" expressed thereon is sixteen thousand one hundred and ninety-nine, and the number of ballots having the word "no" expressed thereon is eleven thousand five hundred and fourteen; and a majority of the votes being in favor of said amendment, it has been adopted as a part of the constitution.

On the question "shall the constitution be amended as proposed by a resolve of the Legislature providing that the Adjutant General shall be chosen by the Legislature as the Secretary of State, State Treasurer and Councilors, now are," the number of ballots having the word "yes" expressed thereon is fifteen thousand six hundred and twenty-three, and the number of ballots having the word "no" expressed thereon is eleven

thousand three hundred and seventy-one; and a majority of votes being in favor of said amendment, it has been adopted as a part of the constitution.

On the question "shall the constitution be amended as proposed by a resolve of the Legislature providing that the Attorney General shall be chosen by the Legislature as the Secretary of State, State Treasurer and Councilors, now are," the number of ballots having the word "yes" expressed thereon is fifteen thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, and the number of ballots having the word "no" expressed thereon is eleven thousand six hundred and ten; and a majority of the votes being in favor of said amendment, it has been adopted as a part of the constitution.

And the Governor is advised to make return hereof to the next Legislature.

Which is respectfully submitted.

NOAH SMITH, JR., *Chairman.*

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IN COUNCIL, November 19, 1855.

Read and accepted by the Council and by the Governor approved.

ATTEST:—ALDEN JACKSON, *Secretary of State.*

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STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 19, 1856.

ORDERED, That 700 copies of the communication of the late Governor under date of January 2, 1856, transmitting a copy of report of Council on the return of votes upon certain amendments to the constitution, together with said report, be printed for the use of the Legislature.

WM. G. CLARK, *Secretary.*