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RESOLVES

OF THE

GENERAL COURT

OF THE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts,

PASSED AT THE SESSION,

COMMENCING THE LAST WEDNESDAY, (BEING THE 26th DAY) OF MAY,

AND ENDING THE TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY OF JUNE, 1812.

Published agreeably to a Resolve passed 16th January, 1812.



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RESOLVE,

Directing the manner in which the Laws and Resolves shall be printed in future.—Passed 16th January, 1812.

Resolved, That the Laws of the Commonwealth which shall hereafter be passed, at the several sessions of the General Court, shall be printed in volumes of the royal octavo size ; each volume to contain not less than seven hundred pages, and to have suitable title pages and analytical indices, and that the laws passed from the beginning of the May session of one year to the beginning of the May session of the next succeeding year, shall be divided into chapters, and shall be printed together in the same volume ; and until a volume of the laws shall from time to time be formed as aforesaid, temporary title pages and indices shall be added to the laws which shall be printed from session to session of the General Court.

And be it further resolved, That the Resolves which shall be hereafter passed by the General Court, shall be printed in volumes of the same size, in the same manner, and with suitable title pages, running titles and indices.

And be it further resolved, That it shall be the special duty of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, to superintend the publication and printing of the laws and resolves of the General Court, as the same shall be passed at the respective sessions thereof, and to examine and compare the printed copies of such laws and resolves with the originals, and to print, and annex to the printed copies his certificate of such examination, and of the errors, if any, in such printed copies, to the end, that the laws and resolves of the Commonwealth may be duly and accurately promulgated.

And be it further resolved, That this resolve shall be prefixed to the printed copies of the laws which may be passed at the present session of the General Court, and shall also be prefixed to the next volume of the laws of the Commonwealth, which shall be printed in pursuance of this resolve.

And be it further resolved, That the laws which shall be passed at the present session of the Legislature, shall constitute a part of the fifth volume of the laws, and shall be paged, indexed, and divided into chapters accordingly.

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For the political year 1812—13.

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PASSED AT THE SESSION,

COMMENCING THE LAST WEDNESDAY, (BEING THE 26th DAY) OF MAY,
AND ENDING THE TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY OF JUNE, 1812.

GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.

REPRESENTATIVES' CHAMBER, JUNE 5, 1812.

At 12 o'clock, the Senators attended in the Representatives' Chamber, agreeably to assignment, when His Excellency the Governor came in, accompanied by his Council, the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and other officers of government, and delivered the following

SPEECH :

*Gentlemen of the Senate, and
Gentlemen of the House of Representatives,*

AS I have not been engaged in the public business of the State for the last five years, and had no expectation that I should again take a part in administering the Government ; I have paid no other attention to the proceedings of the Legislature, or any public transactions, than my duty as a private citizen required. I am therefore unable to lay before you the state of our affairs ; or to suggest for your consideration those subjects of particular interest which in other circumstances might have occurred to me. But I have no reason to regret this inability ; se-

veral of you, Gentlemen, in each House; have been many years employed in the Government, and will readily discern what measures are necessary for the general good.

But though I have no particular knowledge of the late Legislative proceedings, it is impossible for any member of the State to be ignorant that a spirit of division has existed for several years, and has become so prevalent as to diminish individual happiness, and endanger the tranquility of the Commonwealth.

The opinions of men are as various as their features, and there is generally no more cause of complaint in the one case, than in the other. This difference of opinion would happen if all were furnished with the same evidence; but on many political subjects the evidence offered to different persons is not only diverse, but opposite; it would be unreasonable, therefore, to expect that all should think alike. If our information is wholly derived from one source, and that happens to be a partial one, our opinions may be honest, though it is hardly possible they should be correct.

In some cases this diversity of sentiment may promote the progress of truth: At least it may teach us habitually to practice that mutual forbearance without which society could not exist: But the danger arises from the warmth and eagerness with which political disputes are conducted. On such occasions, men are tempted to violate the rules of decency, and call in question the rectitude of others, merely because of a difference in judgment. Such offensive imputations are injurious to the peace of the state, and threaten its future prosperity; for if party abuse should become general and indiscriminate, we shall lose one of the most powerful motives to meritorious conduct: the virtuous and vicious will be placed in the same light, and men of unblemished character will wish to have as little concern in public affairs as possible, that they may preserve their reputations.

When parties are numerous, the individuals often appear to be but little apprehensive of reproach; they are apt to think that the rules of candor and even of truth may be dispensed with, in propagating their political opinions. But though the disgrace of each individual may be lessened when it is shared by many others, his personal guilt is the same as if he was the only offender; and the example thus furnished by associated numbers must have a pernicious influence on the morals of the whole people.

Should we at any time suffer ourselves to be influenced by a spirit of party, we shall be in danger of sacrificing the public good to our own attachments and animosities; and shall be incapable of discerning the use that may be made of our own precedents against ourselves. We

may establish rules by which we shall obtain a momentary ascendancy ; but which in the issue will prove injurious to our own interest, as well as to the peace and order of the State. If the party opposed to us should afterwards prevail, they will be tempted to retaliate with increased severity, in hopes of more durable possession of power. But it is vain to expect that in a free government, the predominance of a party can be preserved by disingenuous means ; or that the peace of the community can be maintained under retorted injuries and provocations. Such injuries will become more oppressive, and the provocations more aggravated, the oftener they happen ; and, if persisted in, must eventually terminate in ruin.

These animosities have also a direct tendency to weaken the State, and render us incapable of self-defence. Within a few years all the Republics in *Europe* have become a prey to military force ; the People were divided by factions ; and those who thought themselves oppressed, assisted a foreign power to overwhelm, both their oppressors and themselves, in one common ruin. Their forms of government have been exchanged for despotism, and their names are blotted out from the list of nations.

The people of these States seem to have been placed by Providence in a situation of peculiar safety. Our territory is sufficiently extensive either for security or convenience. We are remote from the nations of *Europe* who for several years have been involved in a fatal and extensive war. As a commercial people we have had intercourse with all of them, and as a neutral nation must have expected, in such mighty conflicts, to suffer injuries from each. If, however, the merchant finds that any branch of trade is too hazardous to be pursued with advantage, his own prudence will induce him to relinquish it. But I think we can have no reasonable motive to join in this ruinous contest, and thus imitate those Princes, who hazard all that is dear to their subjects, merely to display their spirit or gratify their revenge. We may possibly be engaged hereafter in just and necessary wars of self-defence, and we hope never to be engaged in any other :—But so long as the people are united in affection, there is no danger that any foreign power will think of reducing us to their dominion. This security will be diminished in the same proportion as the violence of party increases ; for a State with ten millions of men may be conquered as easily as one with ten thousand, if the people are divided, and one half are willing to assist in subjugating the other. Such dispositions, I presume, are not any where cherished at the present time : But if the spirit of discord shall increase and become more exasperated, we may hereafter be as frantic with passion and as blind to our own interest, as those nations, whose governments have been subverted by the violence or treachery of their citizens.

It would be difficult to enumerate all the mischiefs that flow from this spirit of party. We have seen that it alienates the minds of men from each other, and has a tendency to excite the most malevolent passion. History will inform us, that when under no restraint, it produces civil wars, and terminates in the destruction of free States. These considerations have been suggested by reflecting men of all parties ; and it seems to be the duty of all, as far as their influence extends, to prevent an increase of the evil.

Nothing is of more importance to this purpose than a just and impartial administration of government. The principles of equity and justice are the foundations of society ; and the great end of government is to provide that every citizen shall have his right. But if in making and executing the laws we disregard the rules of equal justice ; if we endeavour to elevate one portion of the community and depress another, we lose sight of the object for which we became united, and render every principle that can be employed in the government of the State of no effect except fear and compulsion. In such cases the people never obey but with reluctance ; nor shall we have any reason to complain if they are intractable. We are as much bound to preserve their rights as they to obey the laws ; and until their spirits are broken, they will make continual efforts to recover what belongs to them ; for it is not in the nature of Freemen to submit without complaint to unequal regulations.

Our constitution forbids any exclusive pretensions to the honors of the State ; every class of men are entitled to partake of the same advantages and have an equal and common right ; if this right is infringed we may be sure that sentiments of discontent and animosity will prevail. We ought indeed to select persons of ability and integrity for public employments ; but if we make it a rule to advance only our political friends, we shall become the heads of a party, and be incapable of preserving with equity and moderation the rights of the whole people. In Monarchies the Prince is the source of all power and the fountain of honor and office ; he, therefore, thinks himself authorised, in appointing his subordinate officers, to reward the attachment and purchase the future support of his adherents. But in Republics the people are possessed of the sovereign power ; and Legislators and Magistrates, elected by them, are bound to employ their authority for the common benefit. They have no right to consider the power deputed to them as their own property ; or to make vacancies or appointments for selfish or party purposes. Should a contrary rule be established, it appears to me, that political feuds would be endless and implacable ; —the persons in office and their friends and retainers would employ

every method to prevent any change in the Administration, while their rivals would be equally assiduous and eager to *effect* a change. From the frequency of our elections there would scarcely be any interruption in these struggles, and the longer they should continue, the greater would be their violence.

To check this party spirit, and promote union and harmony in the public Councils, and among our Fellow-Citizens, much may be done by the Members of the Government, as well in their private as public capacity ; and without their influence and example, no attempts for this purpose will be likely to succeed. By a course of uniform and impartial conduct, we may perhaps convince the People, that our attention is employed for the benefit of all our Fellow-Citizens, without any preference of one part to another : That we are solicitous to establish a just proportion in their burdens and advantages : That of whatever denomination they are, we will listen to their complaints when they are oppressed by the officers, or injured by the measures of Government ; or when the laws themselves operate unjustly ; and that those who are most distinguished for abilities and integrity, and the merit of their public services, will be appointed to office, without political favor or prejudice. If in this way we shall be able, in any degree, to restrain the rage of party, our successors will be encouraged to pursue the same course.

In our public transactions and debates, I presume that we shall carefully abstain from contemptuous or reproachful expressions, and whatever has a tendency to irritation ;—for we can hardly conceive how much evil may arise to the community from circumstances of this kind, which at other periods might seem too inconsiderable to be regarded. And I hope and trust, that in our intercourse with each other, we shall exemplify the gentleness of manners, the candor, benevolence and condescension which are the ornaments and bands of society, and which tend to moderate the zeal and conciliate the friendship of those who are of different sentiments. I am the more confident in these expectations, as we have only to exercise the temper of that Religion in which we have declared our belief, and which all of us profess to revere.

CALEB STRONG.

Council Chamber, June 5, 1812.

ANSWER

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.



May it please your Excellency,

It is not without the highest gratification and the most auspicious hopes that the Representatives of the people of Massachusetts, address your Excellency as their Chief Magistrate.

To engage again in the service of your country and relinquish the well earned and long endeared enjoyments of domestic retirement, after so many years of voluntary seclusion from the cares and labours of public life, must be a painful sacrifice of inclination to a high sense of duty—Your Excellency will find the best reward for this sacrifice in those sentiments of patriotism which could alone have produced it, in the esteem and affection of all wise and good men ; and in the undissembled respect of the whole people :

A difference of opinion on the interesting, and often intricate, questions of public policy is always to be expected among a free people ; and so long as it is controlled by honest intentions, is not to be regretted ; as it tends to promote useful discussions and to elucidate important truths. The investigation of public affairs whilst conducted in this manner, and for these purposes, will never excite the wise and temperate people of

this Commonwealth to violent contest, or to mutual aggressions.

Whilst they indulge to every private citizen, an unlimited freedom of opinion, they will not require of their public functionaries a perfect unity of sentiment ; they will demand of them only a zealous and undeviating pursuit of the public welfare. And though it will sometimes happen that measures adopted with the best views may prove unsuccessful, or even injurious, the people will never pursue with their resentment the authors of such measures when they appear to have been actuated by an honest endeavour to discern the true interests of their country and a sincere desire to promote them. But when on the contrary their rulers are seen to disregard those principles of justice and equity, which are the foundations of society ; when they adopt measures for the purpose of securing to themselves an ascendancy in the government, and for perpetuating their own power in a manner as hostile to the interests, as it is to the sovereignty of the people ; when in the steady pursuit of their own aggrandizement, they inflame instead of softening the asperities of party, in order that they may rise on the ruin of the whole ; then will the people yield a reluctant obedience to an authority thus abused ; and having a common interest to oppose all encroachments on their rights, they will never cease from their exertions to banish from the public counsels all such ambitious usurpers.

The diversity of sentiment among the citizens of a Republic does not necessarily produce factions ; but it furnishes them, when formed, with the means of subsistence, and supplies the most powerful instruments for the attainment of their purposes. A few ambitious leaders assuming indifferently, and perhaps successively, the badge of either party, by professions of extraordinary zeal and pretensions to exclusive patriotism, acquire an ascendancy over the party which they espouse and appropriate to themselves the principal honors and emoluments of the government.

The people, instead of being considered the depositories of the sovereign power, are treated as the property of these factious leaders, and parcelled out among them in the manner best suited to promote their own views.

Such a system of measures, may be well suited to the spirit of monarchical government, where the Prince is the source of all power and considers himself authorised in appointing his subordinate officers to reward the attachment and purchase the

future support of his adherents ; but the rulers of a Republic, when actuated by this spirit become a faction, whose existence is destructive of individual happiness and fatal to public liberty.

The enlightened people of this Commonwealth, we trust, would always be able to discern the approaches of arbitrary power in this shape, and apply the peaceful remedy furnished by the frequent recurrence of their elections. But, if at last every vestige of freedom should be obliterated, and the people should yield themselves a willing prey to such pretended patriots, this event would neither give tranquility to the public, nor security to the Government. Whilst the individuals of such a party might each think his share of responsibility for their measures to be small, they would generally discover at last, that their share of the emoluments was still more inconsiderable. The weaker members of the party, who had been used as the mere instruments of power, would be overlooked or oppressed by their leaders ; whilst the more powerful would disagree in the division of the spoil. Thus a new faction would arise from the bosom of the first, and the same scenes of *violence* and *anarchy* would be continually repeated, to the ruin of a degraded and oppressed people.

When we contemplate the increasing asperity and violence of political controversies in the United States, and the height which they have already attained among us ; and consider that similar events preceded the destruction of all the Republics of Europe ; and when we reflect on the gigantic power of the French Empire, by which they were finally overwhelmed ; and the rapid and systematic advances of that nation towards universal dominion over the civilized world ; it is with the most painful apprehensions, that we anticipate, at such a moment, a more intimate connexion between the Emperor of France and the United States. This coincidence of circumstances is ominous and alarming. The mysterious ties which have so long bound us to that nation, seem to be constantly acquiring new strength, in proportion as the causes which demand resistance multiply. A war with Great-Britain, with which we are now threatened, would undoubtedly entangle us immediately in a more strict alliance with her enemy, an alliance which has never failed to be at once fatal to personal liberty, and political independence, in every country which has felt its baneful influence.

The House of Representatives ardently join in the hope expressed by your EXCELLENCY, that our Country may never be

engaged in any but just and necessary wars of self-defence.—Placed as we are by Providence, in a situation so remote from the scenes of European Warfare, it seems not difficult with a wise and prudent administration of our government to keep ourselves from being engaged in their fatal conflicts.—Most certainly the people of this country will not willingly join in the ruinous contests which now desolate Europes, and subject themselves to the heavy burdens, the privations, and dangers necessarily connected with such a war, merely to indulge the chivalrous spirit, or gratify the inveterate resentments of their rulers. The rights to be vindicated by War, should be of the most clear and unquestionable nature ;—they should be of vital importance to the interests of the nation ; all other means of redress should have been tried in vain ; and finally the prosecution of the War should furnish at least a strong probability that the injuries complained of will be amply redressed, and that the rights contended for will be actually secured.

In reviewing the controversy now subsisting between our government and that of Great Britain, we can perceive no point of great national importance which might not be satisfactorily adjusted by honest and manly negotiation. But if there should still be some conflicting claims which could not be thus reconciled, it would not tarnish the glory of the nation, nor the honor of our rulers, if they should pause, and inquire whether the persons most immediately interested in these claims, would be benefited by plunging the country into a war. Although Great-Britain, while impressing her own subjects for the service of their country, may sometimes, in consequence of mistakes or of a wanton abuse of power by the officers of her navy, seize on the persons of our citizens ; yet a true regard to the interests of our seamen would induce us to consider, whether their rights might not be better secured by a pacific arrangement, than by resorting to war, which would expose them to similar and much greater evils. If indeed any foreign nation should claim the right to force our citizens into their service, our honor would forbid any compromise of such an insulting and injurious pretension. But whilst we have to complain only of an inconvenient and injurious mode of exercising an acknowledged right, we are at liberty to inquire whether the injuries we suffer would not be over-balanced by those which would follow the attempt to redress them by force. In like manner, if the measures of mutual hostility between the two belligerents are found to be injurious to our commercial in-

terests, the nicest sense of honor will not forbid our enquiring, how far a war with either of them would procure us redress. We should compare the extent and value of that commerce which we may still enjoy, when permitted by our own government, with that total extinction of it, which would follow a war with Great-Britain. As there is nothing in the pretensions of Great-Britain on this subject so incompatible with the honor of our country, as to justify our engaging in a ruinous war, so it is equally evident that the interests of the commercial States in the Union would not be promoted by such a measure.

The House of Representatives cannot be deterred from expressing freely their opinions on the justice and expediency of the impending war, by any apprehension of being considered indifferent to the interests of their country. Even during the existence of war, they will always claim for themselves, and for all their fellow-citizens, a right to discuss openly and frankly the propriety of the measure, and the conduct of the administration by whom it was produced. When, from the result of such enquiries, a majority of the people should be satisfied of the injustice or impolicy of any war, in which they may be involved, they will remove from office the authors of the measure, and place in their stead men who are better informed of the true interests of their country, or more friendly to its peace and prosperity.

We are aware, that the examination of questions so interesting to every citizen is calculated to excite the warmest passions, and has a tendency to produce irritation in the public mind; but we shall endeavor on all occasions to practise that gentleness of manners, and that candor, benevolence and condescension, so strongly inculcated by the precepts of our holy religion; and which also claim our observance not less from the example, than the recommendation of your Excellency.

ANSWER OF THE SENATE.

May it please your Excellency,

Impressed with a deep sense of the responsibility devolved on us, as one of the branches of the Legislature of this Commonwealth, the Senate have received the communication of your Excellency, with the respect due to the Chief Magistrate of an enlightened people.

We concur with your Excellency, that difference of opinion, merely in matters of speculation, will never be considered a disqualification for office, or dangerous to the principles of our elective Government.

Should the spirit of party, however, at any time, become predominant over the intelligence and patriotism of the people, should its baneful influence invite foreign aggressions and promote domestic discontent, in whatever class of our citizens it may become manifest, from such, we trust, public confidence will be drawn. "Such injuries will become more oppressive and the provocations more aggravated, the oftener they happen, and if persisted in, must eventually terminate in ruin."

We lament with your Excellency, the subversion of the Republics of Europe, that they have passed away in quick succession, and are no longer known on the list of Nations.— Ought this not to be a warning to the American people? It surely calls on men of all political opinions, in language not to be mistaken, to unite in defence of our common country; to aid the National Government in their undeviating exertions for the protection of those rights, and the preservation of those principles, which are not less dear and valuable for being proscribed by lawless power.

The Senate agree with your Excellency that "it is among the distinguishing favours of Providence, that our territory is sufficiently extensive either for security or convenience," and "remote from" the theatre of the "fatal and extensive wars of Europe." Injuries were to be expected "from each" of the belligerents; but we are satisfied that we ought not to abandon the protection of our commerce, or submit to the impressment of our seamen, through fear of the consequences of a war, which we deem "just and necessary, and in self-defence." Nor do we apprehend that in such a contest, "our security would be diminished" by "violence of party." In a war so just, for aggressions so aggravated, and after a forbearance so unprecedented, we can have no doubt but "the violence of party" would be absorbed in patriotism, and the people of all parties, would tender their lives and fortunes to protect and defend the rights and liberties of their injured country. We love peace and we deprecate war—But we apprehend that a peace purchased at the expence of our essential rights, would be a reproach to a free people, and tend to extinguish that spirit, by which our fathers achieved our glorious revolution. And inasmuch, as the subject of peace and war, is properly intrusted to the Congress of the United States, in whose wisdom and patriotism we have full confidence, the Senate of this Commonwealth, and we doubt not all the other branches of this Government, and the people of this State, will most cordially and zealously support such measures as the crisis demands, and such as are consistent with the honor, the interest and the safety of the Nation. We cordially agree with your Excellency, that protection and obedience are reciprocal, and that "freemen will not long endure" unequal regulations, nor submit to laws which do not originate in those "principles of equity and justice which are the foundation of society." We regret that in this Republic, "appointments should ever have been made for selfish or party purposes." And we fear such a course of policy may have induced the creating of "vacancies, to restore to their operation "the rules of equal justice." We sincerely hope that the Executive of this state will "employ their authority for the common benefit," and, that no "vacancies or appointments" will be made "for selfish or party purposes." We agree with your Excellency that it is the duty of the Government as well in their private as public capacity, to endeavor to check the prevalence of party spirit, and we hope that their example and a course of impartial

conduct, will produce this desirable object, and prove to the people, that the attention of the Government is employed for the benefit of the whole community and not for any particular party. We are also sensible that our "influence and example," are at this time particularly necessary, to assuage the heat and check the violence of party spirit, and to unite the people in defence of those rights, which have been so wantonly trampled on by the belligerents, and which are still the sport of our implacable foes.

By such a course, in which we have no doubt of the co-operation of your Excellency, we shall encourage our friends and disappoint our enemies, increase the confidence and zeal of our sister states, strengthen and confirm the bond of Union, and convince the world, that no foreign enemy can expect to profit from our political dissensions. With these impressions and opinions, we shall proceed in the duties devolved on us, by the public will, encouraged by your Excellency's "hope, that candour, benevolence and condescension," will mark our intercourse with each other, and with a full confidence, that our joint efforts will be united, in whatever measures may be thought necessary for the improvement and execution of the laws, as well as for the defence of our beloved country.

The greater confidence is reposed in this opinion, from a belief that we shall be governed by the temper of that holy religion, in which all good men profess their "belief;" and we trust that we shall find additional inducements to practice and inculcate that charity "which thinketh no evil," and "which seeketh not her own but another's good."

RESOLVES.

June, 1812.

CHAP. I.

Resolve respecting the pay of the Members of the Legislature.
4th June, 1812.

Resolved, That there be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of this Commonwealth, to each Member of the Council, Senate and House of Representatives, two dollars per day, for each and every day's attendance the present session, and the like sum for every ten miles travel from their respective places of abode, to the place of the sitting of the General Court.

And be it further resolved, That there be paid to the President of the Senate and to the Speaker of the House of Representatives each, two dollars per day for each and every day's attendance, over and above their pay as Members.

CHAP. II.

Resolve allowing an additional Notary Public for Bristol County.
5th June, 1812.

Resolved, That there be one additional Notary Public for the County of Bristol, to reside at Dartmouth.

CHAP. III.

Resolve respecting Notaries Public for the County of Lincoln.
5th June, 1812.

Resolved, That there be an additional Notary Public, chosen for the County of Lincoln to reside in Bristol, and that there be only one Notary Public chosen to reside in Bath in said County.

CHAP. IV.

Resolve allowing an additional Notary Public for the County of Cumberland. 5th June, 1812.

Resolved, That there be an additional Notary Public for the County of Cumberland, to reside at Portland.

CHAP. V.

Resolve on the subject of Notaries Public in the County of Franklin. 5th June, 1812.

Resolved, That two Notaries Public be appointed for the County of Franklin, one to reside in the town of Greenfield, and one in the town of Deerfield in said County.

CHAP. VI.

Resolve confirming Town Meetings in Russell.
6th June, 1812.

On the petition of the Inhabitants of the town of Russell, in the County of Hampshire, stating that at the annual meeting of the inhabitants of said town in March, A. D. 1812, they having forgotten to choose a Moderator by ballot, proceeded to choose one by nomination; and praying that the doings of said town, at said meeting, and subsequent thereto, may be rendered valid in the same manner as if the Moderator had been chosen by ballot according to law.

Resolved, That the several town meetings held in said town of Russell as aforesaid, be and they are hereby confirmed,

and rendered valid to all intents and purposes, so far as the doings of the same were in other respects done according to law, the choosing of said Moderator in manner aforesaid notwithstanding.

CHAP. VII.

Resolve granting a Tax to the County of Cumberland.
6th June, 1812.

On the representation of the Committee on County estimates, stating that the estimate for the County tax for the County of Cumberland is not accompanied with the Treasurer's account of said County, and as great inconveniences may arise if no tax is authorised for said County the present year—

Resolved, That the estimate made by the Court of Sessions for the County of Cumberland, at the September term, eighteen hundred and eleven, amounting to six thousand dollars, be and is hereby granted as a tax for the said County of Cumberland, for the present year, to be apportioned, assessed, paid, collected and applied for the purposes aforesaid according to law.

And it is further resolved, That the Treasurer of the said County of Cumberland, be and he is hereby required and directed to produce his account as Treasurer, at the next session of the present General Court.

CHAP. VIII.

Resolve for a Notary Public to reside at Braintree.
6th June, 1812.

Resolved, That there be chosen for the County of Norfolk, a Notary Public to reside in the town of Weymouth or Braintree.

CHAP. IX.

Resolve confirming the doings of the town of Sumner.
6th June, 1812.

On the petition of the Inhabitants of the town of Sumner, in the County of Oxford, setting forth that the warning of the first

meeting of the town, after their act of incorporation, was defective; that from the incorporation of said town, the certificates of the oaths of their town officers have not been recorded at length, as by law they should have been, that in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and two, said town duly made choice of Elisha Bisbee, Hezekiah Stetson, and James Hearsey, Selectmen and Assessors; but that their choice as assessors was not recorded, although they were sworn, and performed the duties of assessors for said year, and praying that the doings and proceedings of said town in the premises may be confirmed and rendered valid.

Resolved, For reasons set forth in said petition, that the doings and proceedings of the first meeting in said town be as valid and effectual as if said warning had been legal; and that the doings and proceedings of the town clerk, assessors and other town officers, be as valid and effectual as if the evidence or certificates of their being duly sworn had been duly preserved or recorded; And that the assessments and proceedings of said Elisha Bisbee, Hezekiah Stetson and James Hearsey be as valid and effectual as if their choice and qualifications had been regularly and legally entered on the records of said town.

CHAP. X.

Resolve granting Jacob Ruggles \$90. 6th June, 1812.

On the petition of Jacob Ruggles of Wrentham, a Soldier in the Company of Artillery commanded by Captain Tilson, which company is annexed to the third regiment, second brigade and first division of Militia, under the command of General Crane, praying compensation for an injury received while performing his duty on the third day of October last.

Resolved, That for the reasons set forth in his petition, there be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of this Commonwealth to the said Jacob Ruggles, the sum of Ninety Dollars, in full compensation for his losses occasioned by said injury.

CHAP. XI.

Resolve on the Petition of Benjamin Studley, authorising Ruth Washburn to convey a Pew. 8th June, 1812.

Whereas Benjamin Studley, did in the year of our Lord, seventeen hundred and ninety six, purchase of Joseph Wash-

burn, the third Pew east of the Pulpit, in the Congregational Meeting-house in Leicester, in the County of Worcester, and did pay the said Washburn, the full consideration of said purchase ; and whereas the said Washburn has since deceased, without making any deed of conveyance of said pew, or any bond under seal to the said Studley ; Therefore,

Resolved, That Ruth Washburn, administratrix on the estate of the said deceased, be and she hereby is authorised to execute and acknowledge a deed of said pew to the said Studley, his heirs and assigns, in as full and as ample a manner as the said Joseph Washburn could have done in his life time ; and the said deed so executed and acknowledged, may be delivered by said Ruth, and shall be as valid and effectual in law as if the same had been executed by the said Joseph Washburn in his life time.

CHAP. XII.

Resolve on the Petition of William Paine, of Worcester, in the County of Worcester, Physician, praying for the consent of the Legislature of this Commonwealth, to his being naturalized as a Citizen of the United States. 10th June, 1812.

Be it Resolved, By the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, that whenever the said William Paine, shall bring himself within the provisions of the several statutes of the United States, which establish a uniform rule of naturalization, and shall make due application to any Court of Record to be admitted a Citizen of the same, the Legislature of this Commonwealth doth hereby consent thereto.

CHAP. XIII.

Resolve authorising Stephen and Lucy Lamson to sell certain Estate. 10th June, 1812.

Whereas Ephraim Kendall of Ipswich, in the County of Essex, did, in his last Will and Testament, devise to his daughter Lucy (now wife of Stephen Lamson aforesaid) Real Estate to the value of about fifteen hundred dollars, particularly described

in the said deceased's last will and testament, and the divisions of the said deceased's estate, with remainder to the Children of the said Lucy : And whereas said Estate in its present situation is of little income : Therefore,

Resolved, That the said Stephen and Lucy, be and they hereby are authorised to sell said Estate, the said Stephen first giving bond with surety or sureties to the satisfaction of the Judge of Probate for the County of Essex, to vest the proceeds of such sale in other real estate to be secured to the Children of the said Lucy at her decease ; and the said Stephen and Lucy are hereby authorised to execute and deliver a good and sufficient deed of the premises upon the conditions aforesaid, and their deed so executed and delivered, shall be as good and valid in law to transfer said Estate, as if the same had been devised to the said Lucy in fee.

CHAP. XIV.

Resolve on the Petition of the Selectmen of the town of Carver.
10th June, 1812.

Resolved, That the Selectmen of the town of Carver, in the County of Plymouth, be and they are hereby authorised to sell so much of one hundred acres of Land, lying in the said town, belonging to Luana Seepet, an Indian woman, as in the discretion of the said Selectmen, may be sufficient for her comfortable support ; first giving security to the acceptance of the Judge of Probate for the County of Plymouth, for the faithful application and use of the monies accruing from the sale of said Land, and to and for the sole and exclusive use and benefit of the said Luana Seepet.

CHAP. XV.

Resolve on the Petition of Nathaniel Ingersoll, and others.
11th June, 1812.

On the Petition of Nathaniel Ingersoll and others, the Proprietors of the Half Township of Land conveyed to the Trustees of Deerfield Academy, by a Deed from the Agents for the sale of Eastern lands, dated September 20th, A. D. 1806,

Resolved, For reasons set forth in said Petition, that a further time of three years from the 20th day of September next, be, and hereby is allowed to the said Nathaniel Ingersoll and others, their heirs and assigns, to complete the settlement of ten families on the Half Township of Land granted the Trustees of Deerfield Academy.

Provided, the said Nathaniel Ingersoll and others, their heirs or assigns shall, on or before the first day of February next, give bond to the Treasurer of this Commonwealth, in the sum of six hundred dollars, with sufficient surety or sureties to the satisfaction of the Agents for the sale of Eastern lands, conditioned that there shall be settled on said grant the number of ten families within the time extended aforesaid, or for the payment of thirty dollars for each family which shall then be deficient of that number, upon satisfaction of which bond given as aforesaid, either by causing the said number of families to be settled on said grant within the time aforesaid, or by paying the said sum of thirty dollars for each family which shall then be deficient, then the estate, right and title of the said Nathaniel Ingersoll and others, their heirs and assigns, shall be valid, full and effectual to all intents and purposes as if the condition of settlement, expressed in the original Deed given of said Half Township by the Agents for the sale of Eastern lands, had been fully and seasonably complied with.

CHAP. XVI.

Resolve on the Petition of Thomas Chase and Samuel Fessenden.
11th June, 1812.

On the petition of Thomas Chase, and Samuel Fessenden, praying that the Agents for the sale of Eastern Lands may be authorised to procure a survey of a Tract of Land belonging to the Commonwealth, situated between the towns of Gray and Raymond, in the County of Cumberland, and also praying that the said Agents may be authorised to sell and convey the same.

Resolved, That the Agents for the sale of Eastern Lands, be and they are hereby authorised and empowered to ascertain the quantity and quality of a certain gore of Land lying between the towns of Gray and Raymond, in the County of Cumberland, and to sell the same to the said Chase and Fessenden, or any other person or persons, for such sum and on such con-

ditions as they shall think just and reasonable : The said Agents directing the Surveyor to give thirty days notice of the time and place appointed, for making the survey, by leaving a written notification with the Town Clerk, or Selectmen of each of the adjoining towns, and also by publishing the intention of such sale three weeks in the Eastern Argus, printed in Portland, at least thirty days prior to the time of such sale.

CHAP. XVII.

Resolve on the Petition of Barrett Potter. 11th June, 1812.

On the Petition of Barrett Potter, the Proprietor of Half Township of Land, conveyed to the Trustees of Westfield Academy, by Deed from the Agents for the sale of Eastern lands, dated September 20th, A. D. 1806.

Resolved, For reasons set forth in said Petition, that a further time of three years from the twentieth day of September next, be and hereby is allowed to the said Barrett Potter, his heirs and assigns, to complete the settlement of ten families on the Half Township of Land granted the Trustees of Westfield Academy.

Provided, the said Barrett Potter, his heirs or assigns, shall on or before the first day of February next, give bond to the Treasurer of this Commonwealth, in the sum of six hundred dollars, with sufficient surety or sureties to the satisfaction of the Agents for the sale of Eastern lands, conditioned that there shall be settled on said grant the number of ten families within the time extended as aforesaid, or for the payment of thirty dollars for each family which shall then be deficient of that number ; upon satisfaction of which bond given pursuant to this resolve, either by causing the said number of families to be settled on said grant within the time aforesaid or by paying the said sum of thirty dollars for each family which shall then be deficient ; then the estate, right and title of the said Barrett Potter, his heirs and assigns, shall be valid, full and effectual to all intents and purposes, as if the conditions of settlement expressed in the original Deed given of said Half Township, by the Agents for the sale of Eastern lands, had been fully and seasonably complied with.

CHAP. XVIII.

Resolve on the Petition of Samuel Mackay and Samuel M. Mackay.
11th June, 1812.

Whereas by the Petition of Samuel Mackay of Boston, and Samuel M. Mackay, a minor, son of said Samuel Mackay, it appears that two several parcels of land in Williamstown, were conveyed to said Samuel Mackay and Samuel M. Mackay, and by the deeds conveying the same, a life estate in said lands was vested in said Samuel Mackay, and the remainder was vested in said Samuel M. Mackay, and in the opinion of the Petitioners, and of the friends of the said Samuel M. Mackay, who is now in the twentieth year of his age, and in the study of a profession, it would be highly advantageous to the Petitioners to hold their shares of said estates in severalty, and it being made to appear that the remainder held by said Samuel M. Mackay in the one of said parcels of land, which was purchased of Samuel Sloan, in manner as aforesaid, is no more than a fair and just equivalent for said Samuel Mackay's life estate in the parcel of said land, which was purchased of Lemuel Stuart, in manner as aforesaid. Therefore,

Resolved, That the said Samuel M. Mackay be authorised by Deed, to release to said Samuel Mackay, his remainder of a lot of land in Williamstown, purchased by said Samuel and Samuel M. of Samuel Sloan.

Provided, the said Samuel Mackay, shall in consideration thereof release to said Samuel M. Mackay, his life estate in a lot of land in Williamstown, purchased by said Samuel and Samuel M. of Lemuel Stuart, and the Deed of said Samuel M. Mackay, releasing his said remainder, on the condition and for the consideration aforesaid, shall be valid and legal to all intents and purposes, and convey the same as fully as if the said Samuel M. Mackay were now of full age.

CHAP. XIX.

Resolve granting a Tax to the County of Dukes County.
11th June, 1812.

Whereas the Treasurer of Dukes County has laid his accounts before the Legislature for examination, which accounts

have been examined and allowed—And whereas the Clerk of the Court of Sessions for said County, has exhibited an estimate made by the said Court of the necessary charges which may arise within the said County for the year ensuing, and of the sums necessary to discharge the debt of the said County.

Resolved, That the sum of nine hundred dollars be and the same is hereby granted as a Tax for the said County, to be apportioned, assessed, paid, collected and applied for the purposes aforesaid according to law.

CHAP. XX.

On the Petition of Aaron Wait, praying for a new State Note, in lieu of one lost. 11th June, 1812.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this Commonwealth be, and he is hereby directed to issue a new State Note for one hundred and sixty-nine dollars and ninety-two cents, bearing the same number and date, and upon the same rate of interest, and to indorse thereon such interest as has been paid on the note stated to be lost, the said Aaron first giving bond to the satisfaction of the Treasurer, conditioned to save the Commonwealth harmless from all demands, for or on account of the note stated to be lost as aforesaid.

CHAP. XXI.

Resolve on the Petition of John Davis, and others.
11th June, 1812.

Resolved, That John Davis, Ephraim Spooner, and Joshua Thomas, Esq's, Overseers of the Indian Plantation of Marshpee, in the County of Barnstable, be, and they hereby are authorised and empowered to make and execute a good and sufficient deed in fee simple to the Reverend Phineas Fish (duly ordained Missionary over said plantation) of a piece of land situate therein, not exceeding one acre and a half, for the purpose of erecting a dwelling-house and other buildings for the accommodation of said Missionary.

CHAP. XXII.

Resolve for granting a Tax for the Counties of Oxford and Plymouth. 11th June, 1812.

On the representation of the Committee on County Estimates, stating that the estimates for the County Taxes for the Counties of Plymouth and Oxford, are not accompanied with the Treasurer's accounts for said Counties, and as great inconveniences may arise, if no taxes are authorised for said Counties for the present year,

Resolved, That the estimate made by the Court of Sessions, for the County of Plymouth, May, 1812, and amounting to four thousand five hundred dollars for the present year, be, and is hereby granted as a tax for the said County : and that the estimate made by the Court of Sessions for the County of Oxford, March, 1812, amounting to two thousand dollars for the present year, in addition to a like sum of two thousand dollars, granted by a resolve of the General Court passed 26th Feb'y. 1812, and which appears in evidence to the Committee was for the expences of the year 1811, be, and is hereby granted as a tax for the said County of Oxford, the said several sums to be apportioned, assessed, paid, collected, and applied for the purposes aforesaid, according to law.

And be it further Resolved, That the Treasurers of the said Counties, respectively be, and they are hereby required and directed to produce their accounts as Treasurers of the Counties aforesaid respectively at the next Sessions of the present General Court.

CHAP. XXIII.

Resolve on the Petition of Nahum Morrell, Esq. granting him pay as Representative from Wells last winter. 12th June, 1812.

Resolved, That there be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of this Commonwealth to Nahum Morrell, Esq. of Wells, forty four dollars in full for his travel and attendance as a Representative to the General Court the last winter session.

The following Message was received from the Governor, on the subject of the State Prison.

Gentlemen of the Senate, and
Gentlemen of the House of Representatives,

I have directed the Secretary to lay before you a letter to the Governor and Council, from the Directors of the State Prison, and an account exhibited by the Warden of the Prison, which has been examined and approved by the Directors, of all the expenditures and disbursements, and of all the receipts and profits on account of said Prison, and a statement of its general concerns.

CALEB STRONG.

Council Chamber, June 12th, 1812.

CHAP. XXIV.

Resolve on the Petition of Samuel W. Phelps.
12th June, 1812.

Resolved, That in consequence of the local situation and the peculiar organization of the Battalion of Artillery in Marblehead, that the Major Commandant of said Battalion have the same power and privilege to appoint a Surgeon for said Battalion of Artillery that is now provided by law, for the appointment of Surgeons to the several Regiments in this Commonwealth.

CHAP. XXV.

Resolve on the Petition of Thomas L. Winthrop, Guardian to James B. Winthrop, a minor, empowering him to convey and sell Lands. 13th June, 1812.

On the Petition of Thomas L. Winthrop, Esq. of Boston, Guardian of James Bowdoin Winthrop, a minor,

Resolved, For reasons set forth in said Petition, that the said Thomas L. Winthrop, be, and he hereby is authorised and empowered to divide, manage, lease and improve, and also to sell and convey, and for that purpose to make, and execute deeds

of conveyance of all or any part of certain residuary estates and lands given and devised by the last will of the late Hon. James Bowdoin, deceased ; and also certain other lands, conveyed by deed, by the said Bowdoin in his lifetime, unto the said James Bowdoin Winthrop ; such deed or deeds, so made and executed by the said Guardian, to be valid in law, and pass the title of such lands, in as effectual a manner as any such deed made and executed by the said Minor would do, were he of full age.

CHAP. XXVI.

Resolve granting \$47 50, to William S. Leadbetter, for transporting a Convict to the State Prison. 13th June, 1812.

On the Petition of William S. Leadbetter, of Richmond, in the County of Berkshire, praying for an allowance for transporting Cato Freeman, from the Gaol in Lenox, in the County of Berkshire, to the State's Prison, in Charlestown.

Resolved, For reasons set forth in said Petition, that there be paid out of the Treasury of this Commonwealth, to the said William S. Leadbetter, the sum of forty seven dollars and fifty cents, in full for the service aforesaid ; and his Excellency the Governor, with the advice of Council, is hereby authorised to draw his warrant on the Treasurer for said sum.

CHAP. XXVII.

Resolve establishing the Pay of the Clerks in the Secretary's and Treasurer's Offices. 13th June, 1812.

Resolved, That there be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of this Commonwealth, to the first Clerk in the Secretary's Office, four dollars and forty seven cents per day, and to each of the other Clerks in said office, three dollars and forty nine cents per day, for each day that they are respectively employed therein for one year, commencing the first day of the present month of June.

And it is further resolved, That there be allowed and paid out of the Treasury aforesaid, to the first Clerk in the Treasury's Office, four dollars and forty seven cents, and to the other

Clerks in said office, three dollars and eighty four cents, for each day they are respectively employed therein, for one year, commencing the first day of the present month of June.

CHAP. XXVIII.

Resolve on the Petition of James Fales, authorising him to sell Estate. 15th June, 1812.

On the Petition of James Fales,

Resolved, For reasons set forth in the said petition, that Lebbeus Rudd, of Charlemont, Administrator on the estate of Jeremiah Fales, late of said Charlemont, deceased, he, and he hereby is authorised and empowered to make sale at public vendue to the highest bidder, of the whole of the Farm mentioned and described in said Petition, lying and being in the town of Charlemont, and bounded as follows, viz. : North on Deerfield River ; east on land of James Hawks ; south on the south line of said town of Charlemont ; and west on land of Thomas and John Sheppard, and to convey the same by deed duly executed, to the purchaser, his heirs and assigns, and the said Administrators shall be holden to account to the Judge of Probate for the County of Hampshire, for so much of the proceeds of the sale of said Farm as was due and owing from the said James Fales to the said Jeremiah Fales at the time of his decease, with the lawful interest due thereon, in the same way in which he would be holden to account for personal estate of said deceased, and the remainder of the proceeds of the sale of said Farm, if any, the said Administrator is hereby authorised, and shall be holden to pay over to the said James Fales.

CHAP. XXIX.

Resolve on the Petition of Samuel Freeman and Parker Ilsley, confirming the Probate of a Will. 16th June, 1812.

Upon the Petition of Samuel Freeman and Parker Ilsley, jr. shewing, that they were appointed Executors to the last Will and Testament of Enoch Ilsley of Portland, in the County of Cumberland, merchant, deceased, and that said Freeman be-

ing Judge of the Court of Probate in that County, and interested in the Will, application was made by them to the Supreme Judicial Court, to approve and allow the same, which was accordingly allowed and approved by said Court, at a term thereof begun and holden at Boston, on the fourth Tuesday of November last past, under and by force of a law of this Commonwealth, made and passed the twelfth day of March, A. D. 1784, entitled “an act for establishing Courts of Probate;” which the said Petitioners supposed was the only act in force touching their case, and under that impression and belief, and agreeably to the order of the said Supreme Judicial Court, they proceeded to give bond and return an Inventory, and do such other acts and things as their duty as Executors required, until the thirtieth day of May last, when and not before, they discovered a law of this Commonwealth, made and passed the sixteenth day of February, A. D. 1811, entitled an “act for the settlement of estates of persons deceased, wherein Judges of Probate may be interested,” and that agreeably to the provisions therein contained, they ought to have presented the said Will to the Judge of Probate in the County of York, and praying this Honorable Court to confirm the Probate of said Will and the acts and doings of said Supreme Judicial Court and Executors as afore said, and to authorise them to complete the execution of their trust in such manner as the Legislature shall direct,

Resolved, That the Probate of said Will, and all and every act, matter and thing touching the same, done by the said Supreme Judicial Court, and by the Executors aforesaid, in the execution of their said trust, shall be, and hereby are confirmed and made valid and effectual in law, to all intents and purposes whatever, any thing in the act made and passed the 16th day of February, A. D. 1811, or in any other act or law to the contrary notwithstanding; and the Executors aforesaid are hereby authorised and empowered to proceed in the further execution of their trust, and in the settlement of said estate in the Supreme Judicial Court, in the same way and manner as they could and might have done, if the act last mentioned were not in force.

CHAP. XXX.

Resolve authorising Robert Page and Eunice Longfellow to institute a Suit on the Bond of John North.

16th June, 1812.

On the Petition of Robert Page and Eunice Longfellow, Administrators on the estate of Jonathan Longfellow, late of Gardiner, in the County of Kennebeck, deceased, praying that they may be authorised to institute a Suit on the Bond of John North, a Coroner in said County, and against his sureties for his good conduct as a Coroner of said County,

Resolved, For the reasons set forth in said Petition, that the said Robert Page and Eunice Longfellow, as Administrators aforesaid, be, and are hereby authorised to institute a Suit on the said Bond, and against the sureties of the said John North, for his good conduct as Coroner aforesaid, in the name of the Treasurer of this Commonwealth, for the use and benefit of the said Robert and Eunice, in their said capacity as Administrators aforesaid, and at their own proper expense and charge.

CHAP. XXXI.

Resolve on the Petition of Cyrus Hamlin, directing the Treasurer to stay execution against the Bondsmen of David Learned, late Sheriff of Oxford County. 16th June, 1812.

Resolved, That a further extension of time be allowed Cyrus Hamlin, Isaac Lovewell and Joseph Leavett, Sureties for David Learned, an absconding Sheriff of the County of Oxford, and that the Treasurer of this Commonwealth be directed to stay execution for three hundred and twenty four dollars and interest, until the second Wednesday of the winter sessions of this General Court.

CHAP. XXXII.

Resolve on the Petition of Theophilus Wheeler, and Thaddeus Mason Harris, Administrators of the Estate of Elijah Dix. 16th June, 1812.

On the Petition of Theophilus Wheeler and Thaddeus Mason Harris, Administrators on the goods, effects and estate which were of Elijah Dix, late of Boston, in the County of Suffolk, deceased, praying that they, in their said capacity, may be allowed further time to exhibit their demands against the estate of Alexander Dix, late of said Boston, deceased, and that the Judge of Probate for the County of Suffolk, be empowered to extend the time when the Commissioners on said Alexander Dix's Estate are by law required to make their return, so that said Administrators may have further time to exhibit their claims against the estate of the said Alexander, deceased,

Resolved, That the Judge of Probate for the County of Suffolk, be, and he hereby is authorised and empowered to extend the time when the Commissioners appointed on the estate of Alexander Dix, of Boston, in said County, merchant, deceased, are by law required, to make return of their commission, or if need be to grant and issue a new commission on said estate, allowing to said Commissioners first mentioned, or to such as he may appoint, pursuant to the authority herein granted, such further time to make their return, not exceeding twelve months, as he shall judge expedient from time to time, and in the mean time to receive and examine the claims of all those who have not proved their claims against the said Alexander's estate; and that the Creditors who shall hereafter prove their claims under the former or any commission that may be granted by virtue hereof, shall and may be entitled to receive from the Administrators, on said Alexander Dix's estate, and from the monies that now are or may hereafter be in their hands, or may be collected from said estate, so much and as large dividends or dividend in respect thereof, as shall be finally allowed to any other Creditor or Creditors of said estate, who have heretofore proved their claims under the said commission.

CHAP. XXXIII.

Resolve granting Adjutant General Donnison \$750, in full to 1st July next. 16th June, 1812.

Resolved, That there be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of this Commonwealth, to William Donnison, Esq. the sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars in full compensation for his services as Adjutant General, and for office rent and clerk hire in his said office to the first day of July next.

CHAP. XXXIV.

Resolve granting \$153, to John Davis, Esq. one of the Committee for laying out a road from Penobscot River to the North boundary of the State. 16th June, 1812.

On the Petition of John Davis, representing that a mistake of one hundred and fifty three dollars was made in the settlement of his account as one of the Committee for laying out and exploring a road from the tide waters of Penobscot river, to the North boundary line of this Commonwealth. Therefore

Resolved, That whereas the Committee of both houses, to whom was referred the Petition aforesaid, having on examination of the accounts in the Secretary's Office, found that the sum of one hundred and fifty three dollars was twice deducted, and that the said John Davis received, as by resolve passed the 18th February, 1812, two hundred and thirty six dollars and ninety five cents, instead of three hundred and eighty nine dollars and ninety five cents, his Excellency the Governor, with advice and consent of Council, is requested to draw his warrant on the Treasurer in favor of said John Davis, for the amount of one hundred and fifty three dollars, the balance that appears to be due him.

CHAP. XXXV.

Resolve establishing the Salaries of the Lieutenant Governor, Secretary and Treasurer of the Commonwealth. 16th June, 1812.

Resolved, That there be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of this Commonwealth, to his Honor the Lieutenant Gov-

ernor thereof, the sum of five hundred and thirty three dollars and thirty three cents, as and for his salary for one year from the thirty first day of May last past.

Also to Alden Bradford, Esq Secretary of this Commonwealth, the sum of two thousand dollars, as and for his salary for one year from the 6th day of June, current, he, the said Secretary, to be accountable; at the end of said year, for all the fees of office he shall have received.

And likewise to John T. Apthorp, Esq. Treasurer and Receiver General of the said Commonwealth, the sum of two thousand dollars, as and for his salary for one year from the said sixth day of June current, and that all the aforesaid salaries be paid quarterly as they shall become due.

CHAP. XXXVI.

Resolve appointing a Committee to settle the accounts of the Hon. Jonathan L. Austin, late Treasurer. 17th June, 1812.

Resolved, That the Hon. John Wells, Benjamin Homans, Joseph Head, Benjamin Weld and Thomas Harris, Esqs. be Commissioners to examine, liquidate, adjust and settle the accounts of Jonathan L. Austin, Esq. late Treasurer and Receiver General of this Commonwealth, from the time of his entering on the duties of his office to the seventh day of June instant, inclusively; and the said Commissioners are directed and empowered to deface all notes and due bills, orders, or other obligations issued under the authority of this Commonwealth, by any officer thereof, which have been redeemed by the Treasurer, or his predecessors, and to make a regular transfer of the books, papers, files, money, security obligations, and all other property now in the Treasury, to the present Treasurer, and report their proceedings at the next Session of the General Court.

CHAP. XXXVII.

Resolve granting Silvanus Lapham \$1 per day. 17th June, 1812.

Resolved, That there be allowed and paid out of the public Treasury of this Commonwealth, unto Silvanus Lapham, As-

sistant Messenger of the General Court, one dollar per day during the present session of the Legislature, over and above the usual allowance to him.

CHAP. XXXVIII.

Resolve on the Petition of Aaron Dexter and Ebenezer Preble, directing the Agents for the sale of Eastern Lands, to correct an error, in the line of township, granted in aid of a Botanic Garden.—17th June, 1812.

On the Petition of Aaron Dexter and Ebenezer Preble, representing that they are Proprietors of a Township of Land, granted by a resolve of the Legislature to aid and support a Botanic Garden, under the care of the Trustees of the Agricultural Society, which Township was located and surveyed by said Trustees previous to the sale, and by some accident the survey began half a mile distant from the previous line of survey, authorised by the Committee on Eastern Lands, which made a jog or break in the same.

Resolved, For reasons set forth in said Petition, that the Agents for the sale of Eastern Lands, be, and they hereby are authorised to make the corrections in the lines of said grant, so that the Township may be bounded by Phillips' Limerick Academy on the north, so as to include the gore of land, that now exists between the grant to Phillips' Limerick Academy and the grant to the Agricultural Society, and receive a conveyance from said Proprietors for an equal quantity on the south side of said grant to the Agricultural Society, leaving to the said Proprietors, a Township six miles square, as was the intention of the resolve of the Legislature, passed the first day of March, 1805, with the conditions and reservations contained in said resolve.

CHAP. XXXIX.

Resolve on the Petition of Thomas Gage, Jun. authorising him as Guardian of John Winthrop Jewitt, to make sale of a certain half lot of Land in the town of Monmouth. 18th June, 1812.

On the Petition of Thomas Gage, Jun. of Rowley, in the County of Essex,

Resolved, That Thomas Gage, Jun. aforesaid Guardian of John Winthrop Jewett, a non compos, be, and he hereby is authorised, for the reasons set forth in said petition, to sell and convey by deed, one undivided half of said lot of Land, situate in said Monmouth, in the County of Kennebeck. *Provided*, said Gage shall first give bond to the Judge of Probate for the County of Essex ; conditioned that the money arising from the sale, shall be secured for the use and benefit of the said John W. Jewett, by the mortgage of real estate, or secured in some suitable fund.

CHAP. XL.

Resolve authorising the Assessors of Byfield to abate Ministerial Taxes. 18th June, 1812.

On the Petition of the Assessors of the parish of Byfield, in the County of Essex, praying leave to abate certain ministerial taxes against Obadiah Hills, Moses Tenney, Richard Kent, Stephen Dole, John Thurloe, Paul Moody, William Moody, David Pearson, deceased, Joshua Dummer, Samuel Dummer, Shubael Dummer, deceased, and John Noyes, inhabitants of said parish, as set forth in said petition.

Resolved, That the prayer of said petition be granted, and that the Assessors of the said parish of Byfield, for the time being, be authorised to abate so much of the ministerial taxes of the persons above named, as is prayed for in said petition.—*Provided*, the said persons shall on or before the twentieth day of July next, accept the abatement of their said taxes, on the conditions agreed upon, and offered them by the said parish, at a legal meeting thereof, held on the twenty-first day of April, A. D. eighteen hundred and twelve.

CHAP. XLI.

Resolve granting Warren Chase \$1 per day as Assistant to the Messenger of the General Court. 18th June, 1812.

Resolved, That there be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of this Commonwealth, to Warren Chase, Assisstant to the Messenger of the General Court, one dollar per day during the

present session of the Legislature, over and above the usual allowance to him.

CHAP. XLII.

Resolve for Paying the Page of the House of Representatives.
18th June, 1812.

Resolved, That there be allowed and paid out of the Treasury, to the Messenger of this House, to be by him paid over to Stephen Hall Tower, one dollar per day for each and every day, he, the said Tower, shall have attended as Page to this House the present session of the General Court.

CHAP. XLIII.

Resolve granting \$1 per day to John Perry, Assistant to the Messenger. 18th June, 1812.

Resolved, That there be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of this Commonwealth, to John Perry, an Assistant to the Messenger of the General Court, one dollar per day, during the present session of the Legislature, over and above the usual allowance to him.

CHAP. XLIV.

Resolve granting a Tax for the County of Franklin.
18th June, 1812.

Whereas the Clerk of the Court of Sessions, for the County of Franklin, holden at Greenfield, in April last, having exhibited an estimate made by said Court, of the charges which may arise within the said County for the year ensuing, and of the sum necessary to discharge the debts of said County,

Resolved, That the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby granted as a Tax on the said County of Franklin, the present year, to be apportioned, assessed, paid, collected and applied for the purposes aforesaid according to law.

CHAP. XLV.

Resolve on the Petition of Justice Ketchum and Roger West, discharging the said Roger West from an Execution.

18th June, 1812.

On the Petition of Justice Ketchum and Roger West, shewing that the said Roger West recognized as surety, for one Roger W. Ketchum, in the sum of five hundred dollars for the appearance of the said Roger W. Ketchum, before the Supreme Judicial Court, which was to be holden at Northampton, within and for the County of Hampshire, on the 4th Tuesday of April Anno Domini, 1811, to answer to the said Commonwealth on a certain charge or complaint of forgery; but the said Roger W. Ketchum did not appear at the Court aforesaid, to be holden as aforesaid, whereby the said recognizance was forfeited; whereupon a writ of scire facias issued against the said Roger West and judgment hath thereupon been rendered and execution issued for the amount of said recognizance and costs of suits, which is unpaid,

Resolved, That for reasons stated in said petition, upon payment of the sum of one hundred dollars by the said Roger West to the Solicitor General of this Commonwealth, or to the Treasurer of the County of Hampshire, together with all the costs which has accrued by reason of the prosecution against the said Roger W. Ketchum, and the costs of suing out and prosecuting said writ of scire facias by the twentieth day of September next, the said Roger West be, and he is hereby discharged from the aforesaid judgment and execution.

CHAP. XLVI.

Resolve granting \$125 to Theron Metcalf, Esq. Reporter in cases of Contested Elections. 18th June, 1812.

Resolved, That there be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of this Commonwealth, to Theron Metcalf, Esq. Reporter to the House of Representatives, in cases of contested elections, in full for his services in that office up to the present time, the sum of one hundred and twenty five dollars; and his Excellency the Governor, is hereby requested to draw his warrant on the Treasurer in favor of the said Metcalf for that sum.

CHAP. XLVII.

Resolve on making an addition to the established Salary of the Messenger of the General Court. 18th June, 1812.

Resolved, That there be allowed and paid out of the public Treasury, to Jacob Kuhn, three hundred and fifty dollars for the present year, commencing the thirtieth day of May last, to be in addition to the sum of four hundred dollars allowed him by a resolve of March 26, 1793, establishing the pay of the Messenger of the General Court.

CHAP. XLVIII.

Resolve on the Petition of John Hunt, directing the Solicitor General to agree to the continuance of an action pending in the Supreme Judicial Court. 19th June, 1812.

On the Petition of John Hunt, as Agent for Barnabas Bidwell, *Resolved,* That for reasons set forth in the petition aforesaid, the Solicitor General be, and he is hereby authorised and directed to agree on the part of this Commonwealth, to the continuance of an action, now pending in the Supreme Judicial Court, between this Commonwealth and the said Barnabas Bidwell, from term to term, until the November term thereof, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen. *Provided,* the said Barnabas shall, within sixty days from the termination of the present session of the General Court, pay to the Solicitor General or to the Treasurer of this Commonwealth the sum of twelve hundred dollars in part of the verdict which has been found in the said case, and shall also give security to the said Commonwealth, to the satisfaction of the Solicitor General, for the payment of the interest which may hereafter accrue upon the amount of said verdict.

CHAP. XLIX.

Resolve granting Messrs. Adams and Rhoades, \$90, in full of their demands on account of contract. 20th June, 1812.

On the petition of Adams and Rhoades, of Boston, Printers,

Resolved, For reasons set forth in said petition, that there be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of this Commonwealth, to said Adams and Rhoades, the sum of ninety dollars, they having agreed to receive the same in full of all demands they have against the Commonwealth, arising from a certain contract, or agreement, made between them and Benjamin Homans, Esq. late Secretary of the Commonwealth, and Marcus Morton, Esq. Clerk of the Senate, 26th June, 1811, which contract accompanies said petition, the said Adams and Rhoades before the said sum is paid them, are to give a release in writing of all said demands, and leave the same with the Treasurer : And that his Excellency, the Governor, be, and he hereby is requested to draw his warrant on the Treasurer for said sum, conditioned as aforesaid, in favor of said Adams and Rhoades.

CHAP. L.

Resolve authorising the Treasurer to borrow \$50,000.
20th June, 1812.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this Commonwealth be, and he hereby is authorised and directed to borrow of the State, Boston, and Union Banks, in addition to the sum now borrowed, any sum not exceeding fifty thousand dollars, that may at any time within the present year be necessary for the payment of the ordinary demands made on the Treasury, and that he repay any sum he may borrow, as soon as money sufficient for that purpose, and not otherwise appropriated, shall be received into the Treasury.

CHAP. LI.

Resolve granting \$75 to the widow of William Gale, late Messenger to the Governor and Council. 22d June, 1812.

Resolved, That there be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of this Commonwealth, to the widow of William Gale, deceased, seventy-five dollars, in full for his compensation as late Messenger of the Governor and Council.

CHAP. LII.

Resolve on the petition of Asa Peabody. 22d June, 1812.

On the petition of Asa Peabody, on behalf of the town of Cambridge, stating, that at the term of the Court of Sessions, holden in and for the County of Middlesex, in January last, two cases were dismissed from the docket of said Court by accident, in the one of which cases the town of Cambridge were petitioners for a Jury to assess damages claimed by Andrew Craigie, Esq. for his land taken for the high-way from the Canal Bridge to Cambridge Common, and in the other of which cases the town of Cambridge were petitioners for a Jury to assess damages claimed in a similar manner by William Winthrop, Esq.

Resolved, for the reasons set forth in said petition, That the Justices of the Court of Sessions for the County of Middlesex, be authorised and directed to restore said cases to their docket, and to proceed thereon in the same manner as if they had never been dismissed therefrom.

CHAP. LIII.

*Resolve appropriating for the State Prison \$4,000.
22d June, 1812.*

Resolved, That his Excellency the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Council, be, and he is hereby authorised to draw warrants upon the Treasurer of this Commonwealth, in favor of the Warden of the State Prison, for such sums and at such periods as may be deemed expedient by the Governor and Council, not exceeding four thousand dollars, to enable said Warden to fulfill his contracts and defray the necessary expences of said Prison, he to be accountable for the same.

CHAP. LIV.

*Resolve on the Petition of Amos Sargeant and Betsy Buckman.
22d June, 1812.*

On the petition of Amos Sargeant, of Malden, in the County of Middlesex, Guardian of Stephen Buckman, of said Malden,

a Spendthrift, and Betsy Buckman, wife of said Stephen, stating that the whole of said Stephen's personal estate is necessary for the immediate use and support of said Stephen and his family, and that the said Stephen Buckman and Betsy, his said wife, in her right, are seized of divers parcels of real estate, situate in said Malden, the fee of which real estate belongs to said Betsy; that the debts now due from the said Stephen, and which have been presented to said Guardian for payment, amount to three hundred and eighty dollars, and that the necessary expences of said Guardianship which have already arisen, amount to sixty dollars, making with said debts, the sum of four hundred and forty dollars; and praying that he, the said Amos Sargeant, in his said capacity, may be authorised and empowered by joining in a deed or deeds, with the said Betsy, to sell and convey in fee so much of said real estate, as shall raise the sum of four hundred and forty dollars for the payment of said debts, and said expences of said Guardianship, and the further sum of fifteen dollars to pay the necessary expences of making said sale.

Resolved, That the prayer in said petition be granted, and that the said Guardian of the said Stephen Buckman be, and he hereby is authorised and empowered, by joining in a deed or deeds with the said Betsy, to sell and convey in fee so much of said real estate, of which the said Stephen and the said Betsy are seized as aforesaid, as shall raise the sum of four hundred and forty dollars, including the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars, empowered to be raised by a resolve passed February 28, 1812, for the payment of said debts, and said expences of said Guardianship, and the further sum of fifteen dollars to pay the expences of said sale; and such conveyance so made by the said Amos, in his said capacity, together with the said Betsy, shall operate to all intents and purposes as a valid conveyance of all the rights, title and interest, which the said Stephen Buckman and the said Betsy, in her right, have as aforesaid, and which either of them has in and to so much of said real estate, as shall be so sold and conveyed as aforesaid; he, the said Guardian, to account with the Judge of Probate, for said County of Middlesex, for the proceeds of the sale of so much of said real estate as shall be sold as aforesaid.

CHAP. LV.

Resolve granting Jacob Kuhn \$1000 to purchase Fuel, &c. for the Government. 22d June, 1812.

Resolved, That there be paid out of the Treasury of this Commonwealth, to Jacob Kuhn, Messenger of the General Court, the sum of one thousand dollars, to enable him to purchase fuel and such other articles as may be necessary for the use of the General Court, together with the Governor and Council Chamber, the Secretary's and Treasurer's offices; he to be accountable for the expenditure of the same.

The following Message was received from his Excellency the Governor.

Gentlemen of the Senate, and
Gentlemen of the House of Representatives,

I have this morning received a letter from the Hon. Mr. Lloyd, one of the Senators in Congress, inclosing a copy of an Act of Congress, passed the 17th inst. declaring War against the United Kingdoms of Great Britain and Ireland, and their dependencies, and which on the 18th inst. was approved by the President. I have directed the Secretary to lay this communication before you.

CALEB STRONG.

Council Chamber, June 23d, 1812.

CHAP. LVI.

Resolve respecting the Pay of the Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas, for the third Eastern Circuit. 22d June, 1812.

Resolved, That the Treasurers of the several Counties in the third Eastern Circuit of this Commonwealth, be, and they hereby are authorised and directed to pay over to the Chief Justice of the Circuit Court of Common Pleas, for said Circuit, as a further compensation for his services, the amount of the excess of fees which may be paid over to them respectively by the several Clerks of the Courts within the said Circuit, agreeable

to a Law of this Commonwealth, passed on the eighteenth day of June last : *Provided*, that the same, together with the legal fees of the said Chief Justice, shall not amount to more than one thousand dollars per annum.

CHAP. LVII.

Resolve granting Pay to the Clerks of the General Court.
23d June, 1812.

Resolved, That there be paid out of the public Treasury, to Marcus Morton, Clerk of the Senate, and Benjamin Pollard, Clerk of the House of Representatives, two hundred dollars each ; and also to Robert C. Vose, Assistant Clerk of the Senate, and to Thomas Wallcut, Assistant Clerk of the House of Representatives, one hundred and twenty five dollars each, in full for their services in said offices the present session of the General Court.

CHAP. LVIII.

Resolve appropriating \$200 to enable the Secretary to pay Assistant Clerks. 23d June, 1812.

Resolved, That there be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of this Commonwealth, to Alden Bradford, Esq. Secretary of this Commonwealth, the sum of two hundred dollars to enable him to pay such Assistant Clerks as he may have employed to expedite the public business in his office, he to be accountable for the expenditure thereof.

CHAP. LIX.

Resolve on the Petition of Eleazer W. Ripley, Esq. for a new trial. 24th June, 1812.

On the petition of Eleazer W. Ripley, Esq. setting forth, that at the Supreme Judicial Court, begun and holden at Boston, on the fourth Tuesday of November, 1809, he was aggrieved at the verdict in the trial of a certain indictment against him, and praying for a new trial :

Resolved, For reasons set forth in said petition, that a new trial be granted to said Eleazer W. Ripley, in the said Supreme Judicial Court, within the County of Suffolk, on said indictment, in the same manner as if no trial had been had therein: *Provided*, said new trial shall be claimed by said Ripley, within one year next after the passing this resolve.

CHAP. LX.

Resolve appointing a Committee to make Galleries in the Representatives' Chamber, &c. 24th June, 1812.

Resolved, That Messrs. Jonathan Hunnewell, Jonathan Whitney and Thomas Barry, all of Boston, be a Committee, to cause a Gallery to be made at the North end of the Representatives' Chamber, and another Gallery over the one now on the east side of said Chamber, and to make such other alterations therein as may be thought best for the accommodation of the Members at the next Session of this General Court.

And it is further resolved, That said Committee may cause such alterations to be made in the stoves and fire places of the Council Chamber and Secretary's Office, as they may deem necessary and proper.

CHAP. LXI.

Resolve on the Petition of Ozias Goodwin and others.
24th June, 1812.

Resolved, That his Excellency the Governor, be, and he is hereby authorised and requested to cause a sufficient number of boats or vessels to proceed immediately to sea, at the expense of the Commonwealth, for the purpose of giving notice to all American vessels that may be found upon our coast, of the declaration of war by the Congress of the United States against Great Britain, to the end that they may be enabled to adopt such measures for their safety, as the occasion shall require; and that the Governor be authorised to draw his warrants on the Treasury for the amount of the expences that may be necessarily incurred thereby.

CHAP. LXII.

Resolve authorising the Governor to draw Money from the Treasury for the service of Government, not exceeding \$2000.

24th June, 1812.

Resolved, That there be allowed and paid out of the public Treasury to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, such sums of money as from time to time shall appear to his Excellency the Governor, with the advice of Council, to be necessary for the service of Government, and to be disposed of as the Governor and Council may direct, the amount thereof not to exceed two thousand dollars, and the Secretary shall account to the Legislature for the same, and his Excellency the Governor is authorised to draw his warrants therefor.

CHAP. LXIII.

Resolve for Paying the Committee on accounts, June Session, 1812.

24th June, 1812.

Resolved, That there be allowed and paid out of the public Treasury, to the Committee to examine and pass on accounts presented against the Commonwealth for their attendance on that service during the present session, the sums annexed to their names, in addition to their pay as Members of the Legislature.

Hon. Nathan Willis, seventeen days, seventeen dollars.

Hon. Silas Holman, nineteen days, nineteen dollars.

James Robinson, nineteen days, nineteen dollars.

George Crosby, nineteen days, nineteen dollars.

Joseph Whiton, eighteen days, eighteen dollars.

Which sums shall be in full for their services aforesaid respectively.

ROLL No. 67....June, 1812.

THE Committee on Accounts having examined the several accounts they now present,

REPORT, That there are due to the Corporations, and persons hereafter mentioned, the sums set to their names respectively, which, when allowed and paid, will be in full discharge of the said accounts to the several dates therein mentioned, which is respectfully submitted.

NATHAN WILLIS, *per order.*

PAUPER ACCOUNTS.

Town of Adams, for boarding and clothing Freeman Blakely, Ann Waller, Susannah Camp, and Lydia Daileys, two children, to 22d May, 1812,	\$ 81 40
Ashburnham, for boarding and doctoring Sukey Franklin, to the time of her death,	14 00
Alford, for boarding and doctoring Isaac Meach to June, 1811, and transporting sundry paupers out of the State,	74 97
Alfred, for boarding and clothing William Griffis, and supporting sundry prisoners confined in gaol for debt, to 1st June, 1812,	84 75
Abington, for boarding and clothing Thomas Seymour to 19th June, 1812,	28 40
Boxborough, for boarding and clothing John M'Koy to 31st May, 1812,	56 83
Baldwin, for boarding and clothing Daniel Hickey to 1st May, 1812,	89 23
Brimfield, for boarding and clothing John Christian to 27th May, 1812,	28 87
Berwick, for boarding Lemuel Woodworth to the 25th May, 1812,	18 40
Barnardstown, for boarding and clothing Oliver Stephens to 25th May, 1812,	25 54
Boxford, for boarding and clothing Mehitable Hall to 5th June, 1812,	69 80
Brookfield, for supplies to Jonas Banton and George Eastington, to 2d May, 1812,	57 82
Blandford, for boarding and clothing Samuel Walker, to 1st February, 1812,	75 00

Brookline, for supplies and doctoring Jacob Harvey to 20th April, 1812,	74 00
Bellingham, for boarding and clothing Robert Atkins and Nathaniel Freeman to 1st April, 1812,	35 94
Bedford, for boarding and clothing James Cades to 6th June, 1812,	24 51
Belfast, for boarding and doctoring Joseph Parsons and James Wells to the time of their death, including funeral charges, and supplies for Owen Chancy to the time he left the town,	57 91
Bridgewater, for boarding and clothing William Badger and Frederick Bignor to 25th May, 1812,	32 60
Boston, for boarding and clothing sundry paupers, including allowance to the Keeper of the Alms-House to the 1st June, 1812,	8,049 10
Becket, for boarding, clothing, and doctoring Sally Leonard and Hiram Leonard, to 19th May, 1812, Betsy Lamphire and child until she left the State,	56 00
Bradford, Samuel, keeper of the gaol in Boston, County of Suffolk, for supporting sundry prisoners confined for debt, to 25th May, 1812,	365 96
Cheshire, for boarding, clothing, and doctoring Ephraim Richardson, Naomi Davis and child, Polly Newcomb, and Polly Cooper, and supplies for Alfred Joice, to 23d May, 1812,	274 15
Cushing, for boarding and clothing James Walker, to 1st June, 1812,	16 00
Charlton, for boarding, clothing, and doctoring Edward Madden and Jonathan Spear, to 26th May, 1812,	31 00
Carlisle, for boarding and clothing Robert Barber, to 23d May, 1812,	23 56
Colerain, for boarding and clothing Sally Lamonier to 21st May, 1812, and Nancy Andrews, until she left the State,	51 97
Cape Elizabeth, for boarding and clothing James Ramsbottom to 10th May, 1812,	33 56
Dartmouth, for boarding and clothing John Quannawill to 20th May, 1812, and removing S. Grinnell out of the town,	85 00
Durham, for boarding and clothing Asa, Samuel, and Jonathan Demerit, to 20th May, 1812,	158 60

Douglas, for boarding, clothing, and doctoring Betsey Trifle to the time of her death, including funeral charges,	91 05
Dedham, for boarding and doctoring Robert Clue and Sarah Smith to 1st June, 1812,	19 50
Danvers, for boarding; clothing and doctoring sundry paupers, to 9th June, 1812,	400 13
Elliot, for supplies to Jacob Brewer to 16th May, 1812,	18 74
Edgarton, for supporting sundry paupers to 20th May, 1812,	219 25
Florida, for boarding and clothing a child of Amos Eldridge, to the time she was bound out,	12 65
Falmouth, County of Cumberland, for boarding, clothing, and doctoring Felician Sang to 31st May, 1812,	87 90
Franklin, for supplies and doctoring Thomas Barre and wife to 1st June, 1812,	95 63
Gill, for boarding and clothing Sarah Hamilton, Samuel Lyon and wife, to 23d May, 1812,	53 13
Greenwich, for boarding, clothing, and doctoring William Rice, Jonathan Bailey, his wife, and three children, Samuel Bailey, and Elizabeth Harrington, to 23d May, 1812,	146 57
Goshen, for boarding, clothing, and doctoring Sarah Horseford to 4th March, 1812,	65 00
Granville, for boarding and clothing George Taylor and Archibald Stewart to 1st June, 1812,	53 00
Granby, for boarding and clothing Ebenezer Darwin to 25th May, 1812,	29 17
Gorham, for boarding, clothing, and doctoring Robert Gilfiling and Jacob Morse to 29th May, 1812,	77 95
Gloucester, for boarding, clothing, and doctoring sundry paupers to May, 1812,	716 00
Hallowell, for boarding, clothing, and doctoring sundry paupers to 1st June, 1812,	195 20
Hope, for boarding John Sullivan to 20th May, 1812,	30 00
Hardwick, for boarding and doctoring Joseph Pease to the time of his death, including funeral charges,	18 68
Hudson, John, Keeper of the Gaol in Salem, County of Essex, for supporting sundry prisoners, confined for debt, to 26th May, 1812,	144 02

Hodgkins, Joseph, Keeper of the House of Correction in the County of Essex, for boarding and clothing sundry Paupers, up to the 6th June, 1812, including an allowance made by the Court of Sessions, to the 21st March, 1812,	394 60
Hamilton, for boarding and clothing Molly McCrief, to 5th April, 1812,	61 50
Lincolnton, for boarding Timothy Cox and Alexander White, to 21st May, 1812,	46 80
Litchfield, for supplies to Hannah Taylor and two Children, Daniel Howard and wife, to 1st June, 1812,	78 00
Lancaster, for boarding and clothing William Shearer, to 9th June, 1812,	88 66
Leyden, for boarding, clothing and doctoring Jedediah Fuller and wife, Elizabeth Wagner and Ruth Abel, to 22d May, 1812,	71 71
Lenox, for boarding and clothing Abraham Palmer, to 12th May, 1812, and Niel McArthur, to the time of his death, including funeral charges,	33 85
Lee, for boarding, clothing and doctoring Azubah Cain and Lucy Fuller, and supplies for Daniel and Betsy Santee, Jonathan and Sarah Blackman, to 22d May, 1812,	158 70
Montague, for boarding, clothing and doctoring John Searle, to 18th May, 1812,	48 97
Marblehead, for boarding and clothing sundry paupers, to 5th June, 1812,	256 29
Monson, for boarding and doctoring Cuff Green, to 6th April, 1812,	22 08
Mount Vernon, for boarding and clothing David Basford, to 21st May, 1812,	56 53
Mendon, for boarding John Williamson, to 9th March, 1812,	10 00
Marlborough, for boarding and clothing Joseph Waters, to 28th May, 1812,	62 00
Milford, for boarding, clothing and doctoring Elizabeth Gould, 25th May, 1812,	52 08
Norwich, for boarding Daniel Williams, to 31st May, 1812,	19 80
New Marlborough, for boarding, clothing and doctoring Mary Rogers and Jane Peters, to 21st May, 1812,	22 57

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Northborough, for boarding and clothing Richard Grant, to 1st April, 1812,	19 20
Northfield, for boarding and clothing Richard Kinsbury, to 23d May, 1812,	31 65
Northampton, for supplies for the wife of John Sax, and the wife of Andrew Severence, to 15th May, 1812,	26 73
Newburyport, for boarding, clothing and doctoring sundry paupers, to 1st June, 1812,	1286 55
Newbury, for boarding, clothing and doctoring sundry paupers, 1st June, 1812,	602 62
New Salem, for boarding a Child of Olive Bedient, to the time he was bound out,	59 00
Overseers of Marshpee Indians, for supporting sundry paupers to 1st May, 1812,	193 52
Peru, for supplies and doctoring James Robbins and family, to 19th May, 1812,	82 99
Pepperell, for supplies to Robert Minchins, to 11th May, 1812,	44 00
Pittsfield, for boarding, clothing and doctoring Peter Henon, Thomas Keen and wife, Polly Thurston and Polly Holly, to 20th May, 1812,	112 63
Plymouth, for boarding, clothing and doctoring Thomas Torrence, James Reed, and John M. Roop, to 31st May, 1812,	80 53
Portland, for boarding, clothing and doctoring sundry paupers, to 1st June, 1812,	1258 91
Rutland, for boarding, clothing and doctoring William Henderson, John Cowling, Roswell Fariar, to 1st June, 1812, and Samuel Rose to the time of his death, including funeral charges,	57 72
Richmond, for boarding Ephraim Taylor, to the time of his death, including funeral charges,	21 00
Rowley, for boarding and doctoring Barnabas Dow, and Ella Collins, to 27th May, 1812, and Jesse Kemble, to the time he left the town,	85 46
Rochester, for boarding and clothing George White to 10th June, 1812,	35 25
Randolph, for boarding, clothing and doctoring John Cole, to 1st April, 1812,	27 50
Somerset, for boarding and clothing William Elliot, to the 25th May, 1812,	19 08

Swansey, for boarding and clothing Thomas Canally, to 22d May, 1812,	35 37
Sandwich, for boarding Richard Crouch, to 24th May, 1812,	22 00
Sutton, for boarding and clothing Isabella Santee and four children, to 3d June, 1812,	44 20
Sandisfield, for boarding and clothing Eliza Dandoo and William Sanford, to 21st May, 1812,	33 32
Salem, for boarding and clothing sundry paupers, to 7th June, 1812,	1223 00
Uxbridge, for boarding and clothing Phillis Jenks and her children, and David Mitchell, to 24th May, 1812,	101 10
Vassalborough, for funeral charges, for Sally Gordon,	5 00
Williamstown, for boarding, clothing and doctoring Robert Morrill, Charles McArthur, Rachael Galusha, and supplies for George Hendergrass, to 20th May, 1812,	84 05
Windsor, for boarding and clothing Henry and Rachel Smith, to 20th May, 1812,	46 33
Westfield, for supplies to John Newton and wife, to 23d May, 1812,	49 01
Waterborough, for boarding and clothing William Jordon, to 9th June, 1812,	26 80
West Hampton, for boarding, clothing and doctoring Lemuel Culver and Phebe Culver's child, to 1st June, 1812,	45 54
Williamsburgh, for boarding and doctoring Philip Nahum, to the time of his death, including funeral charges,	18 54
Worcester, for boarding and supplies to sundry paupers, to 1st June, 1812,	141 60
Waldoborough, for supplies to John Handell, to 6th June, 1812,	8 00
West Springfield, for boarding and clothing James Aldreth, Hannah Shovey and Hannah Felt, to 20th May, 1812, and Justus Allen, to the time of his death, including funeral charges,	79 67
York, for boarding and clothing sundry paupers, to 8th June, 1812,	216 81
Total Paupers,	<u>820,257 20</u>

MILITARY ACCOUNTS.

Bastow, Sumner, for the expense of a Court of Inquiry, held at Leicester, 11th February, 1812, whereof Col. Henry Penneman was President,	46 97
Knap, Samuel L. for the expense of Court Martial, holden at Topsfield, 24th March, 1812, whereof Col. Benjamin Stickney was President,	119 92
Donnison, William, Adjutant General, for the expense of a Board of Officers, holden at Boston, 12th April, 1812, whereof Gen. John Barker was President,	41 16
Goodwin, John M. for the expense of a Court Martial, holden at Plymouth, 19th May, 1812, whereof Col. John Thomas was President,	130 73
Goodwin, John M. for part of the expense of a Court Martial, holden at Plymouth, 29th October, 1812, whereof Col Benjamin Lincoln was President, omitted in Roll 66, by mistake,	34 66
Sawtell, Richard, for the expense of a Court of Inquiry, holden at Canaan, 24th March, 1812, whereof Maj. Josiah Hayden, Jun. was President,	37 17

Brigade Majors and Aids-de-Camp.

Bucklin, Joseph, to 6th February, 1812,	9 00
Bastow, Sumner, to 3d June, 1812,	39 82
Dunbar, William, to 26 May, 1812,	28 50
Elwell, Robert, to 4th May, 1812,	50 85
Fisher, Jacob, to 28th May, 1812,	27 67
Goodwin, John M. to 12th May, 1812,	36 01
Keith, Cyrus, to 5th June, 1812,	12 00
Mattoon, Noah D. to 27th May, 1812,	67 50
Prince, Hugh, to 10th January 1812,	56 89
Prince, Hugh, as A. D. C. to 20th May, 1812,	15 00
Russell, Edward, 13th May, 1812,	34 05
Starr, James, to 14th May, 1812,	43 95

Adjutants.

Adams, Moses, to 17th May, 1812,	41 47
Boyd, Williard, to 2d June, 1812,	84 00
Backus, Zenos, to 7th June, 1812,	73 74
Bourne, Joseph, to 15th October, 1811,	11 45

Champney, John, 26th May, 1812,	54 63
Davis, Stephen, 10th May, 1812,	17 35
Fisk, Ezra, to 22d May, 1812,	40 70
Gage, Nathaniel, to 1st June, 1812,	18 76
Hatch, Solomon, to 1st October, 1811,	7 50
Hyde, Lina, to 4th January, 1812,	10 32
Henman, Ranson, to 20th May, 1812,	29 96
Ingraham, James M. to 4th May, 1812,	30 52
Jaques, Samuel, to 11th June, 1812,	72 73
Keith, Cyrus, to 6th June, 1812,	43 61
Kingman, Simeon, to 11th March, 1812,	28 24
Pingree, Samuel, to 15th May, 1812,	29 91
Plummer, Benjamin, 1st November, 1811,	18 05
Pope, Ebenezer, Jun. to 10th June, 1812,	26 12
Payson, Ebenezer, to 11th June, 1811,	23 69
Richards, Wyman, to 8th May, 1812,	46 95
Sales, Richard, to 8th June, 1812,	25 67
Spring, Josiah, to 25th May, 1812,	11 31
Starr, James, Jun. to 1st May, 1812,	18 77
Russ, John, to 26th May, 1812,	77 60
Tainter, Hervey, to 12th May, 1812,	16 57
Taft, Hazelton, to 1st June, 1812,	25 88
Turner, Thomas, to 11th February, 1812,	13 10
Viles, Bowman, to 2d February, 1811,	16 50
Whitman, Benjamin, to 12th May, 1812,	14 20

Expences for Horses to haul Artillery.

Carter, Luke, 19th May, 1812,	15 00
Carter, Nehemiah, to 10th October, 1811,	7 50
Derby, Benjamin, to 2d October, 1811,	5 00
Ranlet, Samuel, to 14th September, 1811,	5 00
Stover, James, to 1st June, 1812,	6 25
Stone, Martin, to 12th September, 1811,	8 75
Wright, Samuel, to 2d June, 1812,	7 50

Total Military, \$1816 15

SHERIFFS' AND CORONERS' ACCOUNTS.

Cooper, John, Sheriff of the County of Washington, for returning votes for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Senators, and distributing precepts and returning votes for members of Congress to 15th April, 1812,	105 74
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SHERIFFS' AND CORONERS' ACCOUNTS.

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Chandler, John, Sheriff of the County of Kennebeck, for returning votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Senators and Members of Congress to 1st May, 1812,	50 40
Goodwin, Ichabod, Sheriff of the County of York, for returning votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Senators for 1811,	6 40
Larned, Simon, Sheriff of the County of Berkshire, for returning votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Senators for 1811 and 1812,	22 40
M'Millan, John, Sheriff of the County of Oxford, for returning votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Senators,	12 00
Shepherd, Thomas, Sheriff of the County of Hampshire, for returning votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Senators for 1812,	8 00
Ulmer, George, Sheriff of the County of Hancock, for returning votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Senators, and distributing precepts and returning votes for members of Congress to May, 1812,	77 18
Total Sheriffs and Coroners,	<u>\$282 12</u>

PRINTERS' ACCOUNTS.

Cutler and Russell, for printing for the General Court to 16th June, 1812,	713 00
Edes, Peter, for printing Acts and Resolves to May, 1812,	16 66
Foster, Moses B. for printing for Treasury Office to June 16th, 1812,	2 00
Holland, Anthony, for printing Acts and Resolves to May, 1812,	16 66
Lindsey, Benjamin, for printing Acts and Resolves to May, 1812,	16 66
Rhoades, Adams and Co. for printing for the Secretary Treasurer and Adjutant General's Offices and General Court to 8th June, 1812,	2631 18
Clapp, William W. for printing done for the Government to June, 1812,	28 96
Total Printers,	<u>\$3,425 12</u>

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS.

Austin, Jonathan L. for Oil, for the use of the State House,	69 12
Chase, Warren, for assisting the Messenger to the General Court to 23d June, 1812,	50 00
Dillaway, William, for transporting the dead body of a stranger from Long-Island by order of the Coroner,	10 00
Durant, William, for labour done on the State House to 20th May, 1812,	44 68
Kuhn, Jacob, for balance due him on the 17th June, 1812, over and above a grant made him by a resolve of the General Court, of the 24th June, 1811, for eight hundred dollars, also a grant of the same date of twenty-three dollars, a grant of the tenth day of January, 1812, of five hundred dollars, and a grant of the twenty-eighth day of February 1812, for forty-six dollars,	200 97
Larkin, Ebenezer, for supplies of Stationary for the Secretary's and Treasurer's Offices to 16th June, 1812,	120 37
Lincoln, Amos, for labor done on the State-House to 24th May, 1812,	139 83
Lapham, Sylvanus, for assisting the Messenger to the General Court to 23d June, 1812,	56 00
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Resolved, That there be allowed and paid out of the public Treasury, to the several corporations and persons mentioned in this Roll, the sums set against such corporations and persons' names respectively, amounting in the whole to the sum of twenty-six thousand six hundred and fifty-eight dollars, and seventy-six cents, the same being in full discharge of the accounts and demands to which they refer.

In Senate, June 24th, 1812.

Read and passed, sent down for concurrence.

SAMUEL DANA, *President.*

In the House of Representatives, June 24th, 1812.

Read and concurred,

TIMOTHY BIGELOW, *Speaker.*

June 24th, 1812.—Approved,

CALEB STRONG

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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Secretary's Office, Sept. 25th, 1812.

By this, I certify, that in compliance with a Resolve of the Legislature of this Commonwealth, passed January 16th, 1812, I have examined and compared the printed copies of the Resolves of the General Court, passed the Session, commencing on the last Wednesday of May, being the 26th day, and ending the 27th day of June, 1812, with the originals remaining in the Secretary's Office, and find the same correct.

ALDEN BRADFORD,

Secretary of the Commonwealth.

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