

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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This is a copy of the old Bar record book found among the effects of the late Samuel Titcomb, Esq. of Augusta, Maine, and presented by his widow to the Supreme Judicial Court of Maine on Tuesday, May 8th, 1951.

It is perhaps an impossibility to decipher all of the ancient writing, but it is believed that this copy follows the original correctly.

*Raymond T. Sullivan*



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At a Bar meeting of the gentlemen usually practicing in the District of Maine, at Spring's Tavern at Biddeford on the fifteenth day of October anno domini 1799 - present.

Theophilus Bradbury, Esq. President  
Oliver Whipple  
John Frothingham  
Daniel Davis  
Dudley Atkins  
Jonathan Rawson  
Silas Lee  
George Stacey

Voted. 1. That the gentlemen of the Bar, usually practicing in the District  
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Maine, form themselves in to a Society for the purpose of conferring their practice in Court, & the admission of students, to that of the Gentlemen in the other parts of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Voted. 2dly. That a Bar Book be procured by the Secretary hereafter to be chosen at the expense of the Bar, in which the Secretary shall record all the acts & doings of the Bar at their several regular meetings -

Voted 3dly. That Silas Lee be chosen Secretary - - - -

Voted 4thly. That the Secretary be directed  
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Procure from the several Secretaries of the Bar in the Counties of Suffolk & Essex a copy of the Rules & proceedings of the Bar in their several Counties, to be laid before the Bar in the District of Maine -

Voted 5thly. That such Rules as shall be adopted by the Bar of the District of Maine, shall be fairly transferred into the said District, & by every attorney hereafter admitted within the same, at the time of their admission -

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At a Bar meeting of the Gentlemen usually practicing in the District of Maine, at Hildes's Tavern in Portland on the 27th day of October A. D. 1799 -



present -

John Frothingham, Esq. President  
George Thatcher  
Daniel Davis  
Silas Lee  
George Stacey  
Sam<sup>l</sup> C. Johnson  
Dudley Hubbard

Voted 1st. That George Thatcher Esq. be requested to wait on Mr. Salmon Chafe, a person lately removed from the State of New Hampshire to this place, and opened an office here, without having produced a certificate of his regular admission as an attorney at the Court of Common pleas, and acquaint him with the Rules and Regulations of the Bar of this

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Commonwealth, and that the Bar expect a strict compliance therewith on his part before they shall consider him as a member of the Bar, & make report at the adjournment of this meeting -

Voted 2dly. That this meeting be adjourned to the 29th instant at one of the clock, to meet at the Grand Juror's Room in the Court House in this town.

At a Bar meeting of the gentlemen usually practicing in the District of Maine at the Grand Juror's Room in Portland on the 29th day of October Annodomin 1799 at one of the clock in the afternoon, held by adjournment from the 27th day of Octr. (inst.) - present.

John Frothingham Esq. president.

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George Thatcher  
Daniel Davis  
Silas Lee  
George Stacey  
Sam<sup>l</sup> C. Johnson

George Thatcher Esq made report "that pursuant to the request of the Gentlemen of the Bar at their last meeting, he had waited on Mr. Salmon Chafe, acquainted him with the rules & regulations of the Bar of this Commonwealth, and informed him that the Bar expected a strict compliance therewith on his part, before they should consider him as member. That thereupon, Mr. Chafe declared himself obliged to the Gentlemen of the Bar, for the information, and requested that he might have a reasonable



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time and he would procure the proper evidence that he had studied the usual time in the State of New Hampshire, & had been regularly admitted an attorney at the Court of Common pleas in that State, and that after he had produced such evidence, he would then request of this Bar an admission according to Rules & regulations thereof, & the Laws of the Commonwealth -

Voted 1st. That the report of George Thatcher Esq be satisfactory for the present, & untill Mr. Salmon Chafe has time to procure the evidence he mentions.

Voted 2dly. That this meeting be adjourned without day -

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At a Bar meeting of the Gentlemen usually practicing in the District of Maine, at the office of William Lithgow Ju'r Esq on the 15th day of Jan'y 1791 - present

William Lithgow Ju'r. Esq president  
Timothy Longden  
Daniel Davis  
Silas Lee  
Hannaford Smith  
George Warren  
Sam'l. C. Johannot  
Isaac Parker  
James Bridge

Voted 1st. That a committee of three gentlemen

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- men be appointed to inquire into the principles, upon which an association of the gentlemen of of the Bar shall be predicated.

Voted 2dly. That Sam' C Johannot, James Bridge & Isaac Parker be of this Committee -

Voted 3dly. That there be a meeting of the gentlemen of the Bar in every Term in the County of Lincoln, on the evening of the fourth day of each Term, at a place to be appointed by the Secretary, of which it shall be his duty to inform the members, and if the secretary should think

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it necessary, that he have power to summon a meeting at any time during the sitting of any of the Supreme Judicial or Common plea Courts within the District of Maine, to be holden at a place to be appointed as aforesaid -



Voted 4th. That this meeting be adjourned sine die -

At a meeting of the gentlemen of the Bar usually practicing in the District of Maine at the Court house in Penabscough on Friday evening next following this first Tuesday of June 1791 being the 10th day present

George Thatcher Esq. president  
Timothy Langdon

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Silas Lee  
Hunafsch Smith

Voted 1st. That, whereas Samuel Jennison had offered himself to the Bar as a candidate for their recommendation to be admitted to the practice of the law at the Court of Common pleas, the evidence of his having pursued & completed a regular course of studies, & of his being otherwise qualified for such admission, produced by him is insufficient, & that therefore, the Bar can not at present give him their approbation -

Voted 2dly. That this meeting be adjourned sine die -

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At a meeting of the gentlemen of the Bar usually practicing within the District of Maine at the dwelling house of Waterson Thomas, Esq. on the Friday evening next following the second Tuesday of September anno domini 1791 being 15th day present

The Honble G. Thatcher Esq. president  
Timothy Langdon  
Daniel Lewis  
S. Lee  
George Warren  
Hunafsch Smith  
Isaac Parker  
James Bridge

Voted 1st. That the compensation for the instruction of a student at law shall be fifty pounds lawful money.

Voted 2dly. That the qualifications of a person

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a person to be admitted as a student at law shall be university education, or one equivalent thereto.

Voted 3dly. That no person be offered as a candidate for his admission as an attorney at the Court of Common pleas until he has studied three full years with some practicing attorney at the Supreme Judicial Court -



Voted 4thly. That Mr. Samuel Jenrison be not recommended to the Court of Common pleas for his admission as an attorney thereof at this Term -

Voted 5thly. That the Hon. G. Thatcher, Esq. be a committee to wait on

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On Mr. Jenrison & inform him of the determinations of the Bar -

Voted 6thly. That this meeting be adjourned sine die -

At a meeting of the gentlemen of the Bar usually practicing in the district of Maine, at the dwelling house of Col. William Woodman on Friday evening next following the second Tuesday of January 1792 - being the 18th day & at supper time - present

William Lithgow Esq. president  
Daniel Davis  
Silas Lee  
George Warren  
James Bridge

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Voted 1st. That this meeting be adjourned sine die -

At a meeting of the gentlemen of the Bar usually practicing in the District of Maine at the house of Col. Taylor in Fownallborough on Friday even'g next following the first Tuesday of June anno domini 1795, being 6th day -

present

William Lithgow, Jun. Esq. president  
Timothy Langdon  
George Thatcher  
Daniel Davis  
S. Lee  
George Warren  
Manasseh Smith  
Isaac Pariser  
James Bridge

Voted 2. That Richard Cutts & Benj. Incey who have been admitted to the Degree of Bachelor of Arts at the University in Cambridge be considered as students at Law in the office of George Thatcher, Esq. from the first of June last -

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Voted 3dly. That William Hodge who hath been admitted to a degree A. B. at the University at Cambridge be considered as a student at Law in Silas Lee's office from the sixth of August last -

Voted 4th. That John Bagly, who has had a sufficient private education, be admitted as a student in the office of Bro. Davis from anno domini, but not to be



recommended untill he has completed four years studies.

Voted 4th. That the 2nd Vote passed at the meeting of this Bar at Sept. Term 1791 be & the same is hereby repealed -

Voted 5th. That a person having a university education shall study three full years in the office  
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of a practicing attorney at the Supreme Judicial Court before he shall be recommended to the Court of Common pleas for admission as a practicing attorney thereof - and no person, who has not had such an Education shall be so recommended untill he has studied four full years in such office.

Voted 6th. That no person, not having a University Education shall be admitted as a student at Law untill he is eighteen years of age -

Voted 7th. That James Hopkins, not having had a university Education

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Education but more than 18 years of age be considered as a student at Law in the office of Bro'r. Davis from the first day of January last -

Voted 8th. That this meeting be adjourned sine die -

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At a meeting of the gentlemen of the Bar usually practicing in the District of Maine at the dwelling house of W. Thomas, Esq. on Friday even'g next following the second Tuesday of Sept. 1792 being statute meeting Present -

Geo. Thatcher President  
Tim Longdon  
Dan'l Davis  
S. Lee  
George Warren  
H. Smith  
Isaac Parker  
James Bridge

Voted 1. That no gentlemen who has studied without this Dis-

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District, shall be recommended for admission as a practicing attorney at the Court of Common pleas without said District -

Voted 2nd. That this meeting be adjourned sine die -



At a meeting of the gentlemen of the Bar, etc. at Springs Tavern in Haddford on Friday even'g being Nov. 16, 1792. A statute meeting -- Present

Dan'l Davis President

Wm. Symmes

S. Lee

Frederick Mallen

Dudley Hubbard

Joseph Thomas

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Voted 1st. On motion of Bro. Symmes that Thompson having had an university Education & being engaged in a public school at Portland, be considered as a student at Law in his office at the same time the said Thompson should thus be engaged in said school --

Voted 1. - - - - That the said Thompson be not considered or admitted to be a student at Law while thus engaged in said school, & that no student at Law ought to be allowed to recuse the time he shall keep school during his continuance in an office as such, or any part of the Term required --

Voted 2nd. That this meeting be adjourned sine die --

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At a meeting of the Bar etc. at Col. Howard's in Hallowell on the Friday following the second Tuesday of July. 1793 being statute meeting Present

Dan'l Davis President

Silas Lee

Geo. Warren

James Bridge

Voted 1. That this meeting be adjourned sine die --

At a meeting of the Bar at Motley's Tavern in Portland on the thirtieth day of April 1794 --

Present John Frothingham President

Dan'l Davis

Wm. Symmes

Silas Lee

Dudley Hubbard

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Frederick Mallen

Salmon Chase

Voted 1st. That John Bagley who has studied full four years in Bro. Davis's office & who appears to be duly qualified be recommended to the Court of Common pleas at this term for admission as an atty thereof --

Voted That the meeting be adjourned sine die --



At a meeting of the Bar etc. so at Fitts Tavern in Hallowell on the 11th day of July A. D. 1794 being the term of the Sup. Jud. Court -

Present - The Honble Atty. Gen'l. President  
Tim. Langdon  
George Thatcher  
Dan'l Davis  
Wm. Symmes  
Silas Lee  
Geo. Warren  
Isaac Parker  
James Bridge

Voted 1. That H. Smith who has been

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a practicing attorney at the Court of Common pleas, the usual Term. be recommended by the Honble Atty. Gen'l. to the Sup. Jud. Court at this term for admission as an attorney thereof

Voted 2. That Saml. Wilde who has likewise been a practicing atty at the Court of Com. pleas the usual time, be also recommended for admission by the Honble Atty Gen'l. to same Court at this Term, as an atty thereof.

Voted That this meeting adjourn sine die --

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At a meeting of the Bar etc. at Sampson's Tavern on the 7th day of Sept. A. D. being Septen Term -

Present Tim Langdon President  
Geo. Thatcher  
Dan'l Davis  
Silas Lee  
Isaac Parker  
George Warren  
H. Smith  
James Bridge  
Saml. Wilde  
Amos Stoddard

Voted 1. That William Hodge having completed three full years in Bro. Lee's office, be recommended to the Court of Com. pleas for admission as a practicing attorney thereof.

Voted 2. That George Thatcher be

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appointed to propose the said William Hodge to said Court.

Voted 3. That this meeting be adjourned sine die --

A<sub>2</sub> meeting of the Bar etc. at Esq. Thomas', Tuesday Even'g 10 Sept. 1794 being Sept. term.



Present George Thatcher President  
 Tim Langdon  
 Danl Davis  
 Silas Lee  
 Isaac Parker  
 George Warren  
 M. Smith  
 James Bridge  
 Amos Stockard  
 Benjn. Halsey & Reuben Kilder

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at Law in his office --

Voted That this meeting adjourn sine die --

At a meeting of the Bar &c. at Esq. Thomas's on Tuesday even'g the 7 Sept. 1794  
 being Sept Term --

Present Geo. Thatcher President  
 Tim. Langdon  
 Danl. Davis  
 Silas Lee  
 Isaac Parker  
 George Warren  
 M. Smith  
 James Bridge  
 Amos Stockard  
 Benjn. Halsey  
 Reuben Kilder

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On the application of Mr. Thomas Rice to be recommended to the Court of Common pleas for an admission as an attorney thereof. It appears from the certificate of Timothy Bigelow whose office in Groton Mr. Rice studied, that he has been employed five months as a school master since the commencement of his studies, & there being a Rule of the Bar that no gentleman who studied out of this District, shall be recommended to the Court of Com. pleas for admission as an atty thereof, within this said district -- Voted that said Mr. Rice be not now recommended. Voted Amd. That Geo Thatcher be appointed to inform Mr. Rice thereof

Voted Ed. That this meeting adjourn sine die --

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At a meeting of the Bar at the office of Esq. James Bridge at Hallowell Monday Eve'g. 19 Jany. 1795 -- Present  
 Timothy Langdon -- President  
 Silas Lee -- James Bridge -- Saml. Wilde -- Cobb -- Benj'm Halsey -- Reuben Kilder --  
 Wm. Bridge -- Thos. Rice  
 and after a social hour adjourned sine die --



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Bro Prentiss Hallen gave notice by a name - to the Socy. that Cyrus King entered upon the study of Law in his office on the 10th June 1794 -

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At a meeting of the Bar on the Friday evening next after the first Tuesday of June 1795 at the dwelling house of Bro. Lee.

Present    Carl. Davis    President  
          S. Lee  
          James Bridge  
          Carl. Wilde  
          Benj. Halsey  
          Rushen Hilder  
          Thos. Rice, Jun.

Bro Lee gave notice that Jeremiah Bailey who has had a liberal Education became a student in his office the first of March.  
Adjourned sine die

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At a meeting of the Bar at Esq. Thomas    Friday next after second Tuesday Sept. 1795 in the evening -

Present    G. Thatcher    President  
          Daniel Davis  
          Silas Lee  
          James Bridge  
          Geo. Warren  
          Carl. Wilde  
          Benj. Halsey  
          Rushen Hilder  
          Thos. Rice, Jr.  
          Nathl. Parley

Bro. Lee gave notice that John Merrill Jr. having had a liberal Education became a student in this office -

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At a Bar Meeting held at W. Sargeants in York April term 1796

Present    Carl. Davis - President  
          Henry Hallen  
          W. Symes  
          Prentiss Hallen  
          Dudley Hibbard  
          Solomon Chase  
          Joseph Thomas  
          James Hopkins



Mr. Hubbard proposed that Mr. Hayman a young gentleman who has read in his office upwards of three years, & was of unexceptionable character, should be recommended for admission to the Bar, & that his having written in the office of Mr. Cushing Ck of the Sup. Jud. Court several years should compensate for the deficiency of the usual time of study for persons who have not had the advantage of the public education -

Not agreed to - but without the least exception to Mr. Hayman's character, or probable qualifications - the term of study only being deficient.

Mr. H. Mallon proposed that Mr. Temple Harvey a young gentleman who had read about two years law, half in his office & about a year as he declared in the office of the attorney general, should be recommended & suggested certain instructive study to complete the four years -

But the Bar not being satisfied respecting the term - It was not agreed to.

W. Symmes, Ck.

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At a bar meeting held Banglour town 1796

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1. Voted John Frothingham President
2. Voted Benj. Hasey Sectry. pro. tem.

Brother Davis offers James Deane Hopkins for admittance to the practice of Law, said Hopkins having studied in his office four years not having had a liberal Education.

Ed. Voted that said Hopkins be admitted to the the practice of Law, and that brother Frothingham move the Court that he may be sworn for that purpose.

Benj. Hasey, Sectry pro tem.

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At a meeting of the Barr &c. at Brother Lee's dayday Evan's next following June first Tuesday of June 1796 -

Present  
Danl. Davis President  
William Symmes  
S. Lee  
George Warren  
James Bridge  
Saml. S. Wilde  
Anne Stoddard  
Benj. Hasey  
Reuben Klidder

Thos. Rice, Jr.  
Benj. Whitwell  
Nathaniel Parley  
Eben Braddish

On the motion of Brother S. Lee that the time be fixed when S. Clidden,

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who appears to have read Law with S. Hasey of Charlestown, N. H. from May 1792 to Dec. 1795, & in the office of said Brother Lee from 21 Janry. 1796 to the day of this meeting, shall be entitled to a recommendation for admission, & from that period he



shall be considered as qualified & allowed the privileges of a Bro. of the Bar.

Voted 1st. That said S. Glidden be so recommended to the Court of Common pleas at September Term next, he continuing in said Lee's office till the 21st. June next -

2d. Voted that he be allowed to file writs & open his office from & after the 21 st. of June inst. with the privileges of the Bar, he continuing as afore'd -  
Adjourned sine die.

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At a meeting of the Bar held at Watchman Thomas's Esq. at Waldeborough Sept. Term 1796 being 15th day of the month

Present	Geo. Thatcher, Esq. President	Saml. S. Wilde
	Tim Langdon	Amos Stoddard
	Dani. Davis	Benj. Halsey
	S. Lee	Benj. Whitwell
	H. Smith	Thos. Rice Jr.
	Geo. Warren	Deuben Kilder
	Isaac Parker	Nath'l Parley
	James Bridge	Eben Braddish

W. Allen Gilman

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having applied for admission as an attorney at the Court of Common pleas -

Voted that he be accordingly recommended, (he having produced a certificate of his having been admitted to practice at the Court of Common pleas for the County of Rockingham & State of New Hampshire), and that George Thatcher, Esq offer him to the Court in the name of the Bar for admission -

2 Voted that the premium for tuition be raised to two hundred Dollars in the future, instead of fifty pounds -

Adjourned sine die

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At a meeting of the Bar &c. at the house of Watchman Thomas Esq. on Tuesday even'g Sept. 12, 1797 being Sept. Term -

Present	Dani. Davis Esq. President	Amos Stoddard
	S. Lee	Benj. Halsey
	Isaac Parker	Deuben Kilder
	James Bridge	Nath. Parley
	Sam S. Wilde	Thos Rice, Jr.
	Benj. Whitwell	John Hathaway
	Eben Braddish	Allen Gilman

Mr. Josiah Stoddard

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having offer'd himself for admission as an attorney of the Court of Common pleas, &



produced an attested copy of his having been admitted in the Circuit Court of the United States of America at a Term held in Connecticut on the 25th day of April 1796, & the rule of said Circuit Court of Connecticut, requiring two years practice in the Superior Court of that State, & also having produced certificates from Mr. Boswell Judson of having studied with him from 1 Oct. 1792 to April 27th 1793, & from Mr. S. Goodrich from 27 April 1793 to March 17, 1794 excepting two months in which he read with Abner Morgan - Voted notwithstanding that said Stebbins be not recommended he not having brought himself within the rules of this Bar -

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Voted that Moses Paul Payson be recommended to the Court of Common Pleas for admission to the practice as an attorney thereof, he having produced an attested copy from the Clerk of the Common Pleas for the County of Grafton in the State of New Hampshire of his being duly admitted at the court, & a certificate that he had read Law three years in the office of A. Sprague -

Voted That Thomas Bowman who has read Law three years in the office of Brother Bridge, be recommended to the Court for admission to the practice of the Law as an attorney thereof -

Voted That Mr. Secretary inform Brother Stebbins of the reasons why this Bar do not recommend him for admission to the practice as an attorney thereof -

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Brother Amos Stoddard gives notice that Saml. E. Dutton entered at his office as a student at Law on the first day of November last - & thereupon moves that the said Samual be considered as a student at Law from that time.

Adjourned sine die

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At a meeting of the Bar at the court house in Pomfretborough June Term 1797, being on the first day of the term -

Present	James Bridge	President
	Silas Lee	
	Saml. Wilde	
	Benj. Halsey	
	Reuben Kidder	

H. Smith
Nat Parley
Thos. Rice Jr.
Benj. Whitwell
John Hathaway
Allen Gilman
Joniah Stebbins

Voted That Jeremiah Bailey who has read Law in the office of Bro. Silas Lee three years & upwards be recommended to the Court for admission,

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to the practice of the Law therein -



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At a meeting of the Bar &c. at the Court house in Waldoborough September Term 1798 being first day of said term & immediately after the court rose -  
Present Saml. Davis Esq. President and the whole Bar -

Voted That John Merrill Jr. who having had a liberal Education & read Law more than three years in the office of Bro Silas Lee, be recommended to the Court for admission to the practice of the Law therein -

Voted also that Nathan Bridge & Judah Durn be likewise recommended for admission for the same purpose -

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At a meeting of the Bar &c. at the House of William Pitt Esq. holden at Augusta on Friday next following second Tuesday of Jan'y. 1799, being Jan'y. Term -

Present Saml S. Wilde Esq. President  
Silas Lee Esqy.  
Benj. Halsey  
Benj. Whitwell  
Ruth<sup>d</sup> Parley  
Thos Rice Jr.

James Hopkins  
John Hathaway  
Peter O. Alden  
Saml Clidden  
Andrew Greenwood (Greenwood)  
Jereiah Bailey  
John Merrill Jr.

Brother Secretary Lee

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having resigned his office & requested that he might be exempt & some other Brother chosen in his room -

Voted unanimously that Brother Saml S. Wilde, Esq. be Secretary of this Bar -  
Voted that this Bar adjourn sine die -

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At a Meeting of the Bar at the House of Joseph Menden in Fownsbore on the Friday next following the first Tuesday of June A. D. 1800

Present -- Silas Lee Esquire President  
Isaac Parker  
M. Smith  
Saml Wilde  
Benja Halsey  
Peter O. Alden

Josiah Stebbins  
Andrew Greenwood  
Samuel Thatcher  
Jereiah Bailey  
John Merrill Jr.

Voted. That a Committee be appointed to prepare a sett of Rules adapted to embrace the means of suppressing irregular practice by persons not officers of the Court. The statement of fees: the means of enforcing the said Rules as generally



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as possible thro the District of Maine, and such other things as shall seem worthy of attention - and offer them to the Bar at the next Supreme Judicial to be holden at Fernaldore - - - -

Voted 2d. That this Committee consist of Silas Lee and Isaac Parker, Silas Lee, Saml Wilde, Josiah Stebbins and Benj'n Hussy compose the same Committee - - - -

Brother Wilde gave notice at this meeting that Saml E. Ritten on the seventh day of December last and Benjamin Orr on the seventeenth day of March last commenced students at Law in his office - - - -

Brother Bridge also gave notice that Ruel Williams on the first day of June A. D. 1799 commenced a student at Law in his office.

Voted. That this meeting adjour Sine Die - - - -

Attest Saml S. Wilde Secy.

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At a meeting of the Bar at the dwelling House of Brother Whitwell in Augusta on Friday next following the third Tuesday of June A. D. 1800 - - - - -

Present	Silas Lee Esqr. President	Nathl. Parley
	Tim Langdon	Benja. Whitwell
	Isaac Parker	Allen Gilman
	James Bridge	Samuel Clidden
	Saml Wilde	Josiah Stebbins
	Thomas Rice	Nathan Bridge
	Reuben Eldor	Nathl Todd - -

The Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Bar at Fernaldore now submitted to the Bar a Report which they had prepared to offer the Bar for their consideration at the Term appointed for

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that purpose in which Report the Committee have left certain blanks, which they request may be filled up by the Gentlemen of the Bar at this meeting - Whereupon the Report being read by the Secretary - the blanks above mentioned were filled up by an unanimous vote of the Gentlemen of the Bar - and the Report then delivered to the Committee - to report the same at the next Term of the Supreme Judicial Court to be holden at Fernaldore - - - - -

Brother Parley gave notice, that on the first day of May last Mr. Henry V. Chamberlain commenced student at law in his office, who had before been a student at Law with Nathl Pain Esq'r of Worcester in his office from the month of May 1796 until the month of April 1799 and from the said month of April 1799 until the 11th of April 1800 with John C. Chamberlain Esq'r of the State of New Hampshire - making in

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the whole including the Term with Brother Parley - upwards of four years - Brother



Perley therefore moves that the said Chamberlain be now recommended to the Court for admifsion to the practife therein - - - - -

Voted 1. st Notwithstanding that the said Chaberlain be not now recommended not being with the Rules of the Bar - - - - -

Voted 2 nd. That the vote pafzed at a Bar meeting September Term A. D. 1792 be so far reconsidered - that no person shall thereby be prevented from admifsion to the Bar, provided he came within the other Rules of the Bar, and provided he gives notice of his intention to apply for admifsion at a previous Bar meeting - not lefs than three months before his actual application for admifsion and in the mean time continue in an office of some attorney within the District of Maine.

Voted 3d. That the above named - Wm. Chamberlain may by continuing in some office of an Attorney within the District until the next Court of Common pleas to be holden at Topsham in the County of Lincoln, being himself within the Rules of the Bar - that if he so does, he be then recommended to the Court for admifsion to the Practife - - - - -

Voted 4th That this meeting adjourn Sine die - - - - -

At a Meeting of the Bar at the dwelling house of Mr. Actor Patten in Topsham Sep. Term A.D. 1800 - - - - - Prefent - - - - -

Silas Lee Esqr. President  
M. Smith  
James Bridge  
Sam'l Wilde  
Benj'm Hasey  
Peter O. Loden  
Josiah Stebbins

Samuel Thatcher  
Andrew Green wood  
Nathan Bridge  
Erastus Foot - - - - -

Brother Wilde moves that Henry V. Chaberlain be now recommended to the Court for admifsion to the practife of Law - agreeably to a vote of the last meeting - Mr. Chamberlain having continued since that time in Bro. Perley's office - - -

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Voted. That he be accordingly recommended - - -

The Committee appointed at a Bar meeting in Fownalborough June Term 1800 made their report to the Bar which is now accepted and agreeably thereto voted unanimously that the following Rules & Regulations be adopted as Rules of practife within the District of Maine - - - - -

Rule 1st. No attorney at Law shall in behalf of any Plaintiff undertake the management of any caufe or action not commenced by an attorney at Law without the previous payment of one dollar for a Justice Writ and two dollars for a Court Writ, and for all services in such ~~xxxx~~ cause or causes an attorney shall take no lefs than full fees as if the action had been commenced by himself.

2.d. Each Gentleman of the Bar shall consider it, as a right, and a duty to which he



is in honor bound not to admit the appearance of any one except Attorneys at Law in any action, without a special power approved by the Court.

3.d The Courtesy of the Bar as to payment of costs shall not extend to a Writ not filed by an attorney at law.

4th. No Gentleman of the Bar shall ask or receive for any of the following services or matters less than the fees to each annexed - - -

For a Justices Writ - - - - one dollar - - - - \$1..0

For arguing a cause before a justice including  
the Writ if filed by the Attorney - - - - - 2..0

For arguing in C. C. P. issue on appeal - - - - 3..0

For a Court Writ - - - - - - - - - - - 2..0

As a Retainer in C. C. Pleas - - - - - - - 2..0

For appearing originally in any cause in C. P. - 2..0

For arguing an issue in C. C. P. cause on Appeal 5..0

As a Retainer in S. J. Court - - - - - - - 4..0

For appearing originally in any cause in S. J. C. 5..0

For arguing an issue in S. J. C. - - - - - - 10..

For writing a letter without Writ - - - - - - ...50

Provided that where a debt is collected without issue and argument in case the suit was commenced by an attorney - he may take the bill of costs for collection - - -

And whereas a uniformity of practice is calculated to promote the reputation and dignity of the Profession. - - - - -

Voted: That a secretary be chosen in each County, or such other Division as shall be thought best; that each Secretary shall communicate to each other Secretary all regulations and rules adopted and established at any meeting and by him recorded, and that if from local considerations or from want of time for communication, deliberation and concession - a temporary diversity of Rules, in unessential points, should exist in the several Counties, or Divisions, all Rules such diversity notwithstanding shall be observed, in the County or Division where they shall have been established. - - -

Voted: That this meeting be adjourned Sine die - - - - -

Attest Sam S. Wilde Secy.



At a meeting of the Bar at Brother Bridge's office at Augusta  
on the twentieth day of March A.D. 1802 - - Present -

James Bridge Esqr. President  
Sam S. Wilde Secretary  
Thomas Rice  
William Jones  
Dudley Todd  
Henry V. Chamberlain

Bro. S. S. Wilde proposes that Philip Leach, a young gentleman  
of an unexceptionable character, who has had a liberal education, and who  
has read Law for upwards of three years in the offices of Hon ble Joshua  
Thomas Esqr. - Daniel Wheaton, Esqr - & the said S. S. Wilde, be  
recommended to the Court of Common Pleas to be admitted as an attorney  
thereof -

Voted. That the said Leach be recommended for admission  
accordingly -

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Bro. S. S. Wilde gives notice at this meeting that Gorham Dummer  
on & from the day of last Thomas Bond Jr. on & from the day  
of last and Sylvester C. Whipple on & from the day of last  
commenced students at Law in his office -

Voted. That no Writ not filled by a gentleman of the bar shall  
be supported on any condition or consideration, unless the Att. in such  
Writ at the time of procuring the same, live and reside more than ten  
miles distance from any attorney's office in which case such Writ may be  
advocated by any gentleman of the bar, he receiving pay for said Writ  
agreeably to the now existing Rules of the Bar.

Voted to adjourn Sine Die -

Attest - Sam S. Wilde Secry.

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At a meeting of the Members of the bar in the County of Kennebec  
at the office of James Bridge Esq'r on the 16th day of December A.D. 1802 -

Present	James Bridge President	William Jones
	Reuben Kidder	Peter O. Alden
	Sam S. Wilde Secretary	Nathan Bridge
	Thomas Rice	Dudley Todd
	Benj'n Whitwell	Philip Leach
	Henry V. Chamberlain	Ruel Williams

On Motion of S. S. Wilde, Voted that Gorham Dummer be  
recommended to the Court of Com Pleas for admission to practice law as  
an Attorney thereof - On the application of Ebeneser W. Ripley for a  
recommendation to the Court of Com Pleas for admission as an Attorney.  
Voted not to recommend him, the members of the bar present not being  
satisfied with the representations made to them by members present, of  
his conduct & character, while a student aw Law in Bro. Perley's office -



Brother Kidder gives notice that Tim'y Boutelle entered his office as a student Dec'r 10th 1802. And Bro. Perley also gives notice that Augustus Alden entered his office as a student Nov. 8th, 1802/

Attest S. S. Wilde Secy.

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At a meeting of the members of the bar in the County of Kennebec at the Court house in Augusta on the 18th day of May 1810.

Voted. That a committee heretofore appointed to revise the bar rules & make such regulations as might be expedient, not having reported thereon, be discharged from that service.

Voted that Thomas Rice, Ruel Williams & Timothy Boutelle & Nath. Perley be a committee for the above purpose.

Voted. That Jona. G. Manton be recommended for admission to practice at the bar of Court of Common Pleas in this County.

Voted to adjourn without day.

A true copy of the minutes of said meeting made by Bro. Allen.

Attest Tho. Bond Jr. Secry.

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At a meeting of the members of the Bar in the County of Kennebec at the Court house in Augusta on the 21st day of May 1810.

Present	Thomas Rice	Timothy Boutelle
	Philip Leach	Henry H. Greeley
	Henry Johnson	I. Perley
	Benjamin Whitwell	Allen
	Thos. A. Hill	Reuben Kidder

Bro. Boutelle proposes that Samuel Conner be recommended for admission to practice at the Court of Common Pleas in this County, he having been admitted at the Bar of the Court of Common Pleas in the State of New Hampshire in January last, & having read law in Bro. Boutelle's office for the last three months.

Voted that Samuel Conner be recommended for admission to practice at the Court of Common Pleas in the County.

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Voted to adjourn sine die.

A true copy of the original minutes of said meeting made by Bro. Allen. Attest Tho. Bond Jr. Secry



At a meeting of the members of the Bar in the County of Kennebec at the Court House in Augusta on thirty first day of May 1810

Voted that Jeremiah Perley & Warren Prentiss be recommended to practice as attorneys & \_\_\_\_\_ Ripley as counsellors at the Bar of the Supreme Judicial Court in the County.

Voted to adjourn without day.

Attest Tho. Bond, Jr. Secy.

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At a meeting of the members of the Bar in the County of Kennebec holden at the Court house in Augusta on the 23rd August 1810.

Voted that John Hannibal Sheppard be recommended to practice at the Bar of the Court of Common Pleas.

Voted that the committee heretofore appointed to report in relation to the system of Bar rules be discharged from any further duty.

Voted that Samuel S. Wilde, Beaul Williams & Thomas Bond, Jr. be a committee to revise the old rules relating to practice of law in this County & prepare & support such a set of regulations for Bar as they may deem reasonable.

Bro. Nathan Weston gives notice that David Kidder commenced the study of law in his office on the 20th March, 1810.

Bro. E. T. Warren gives notice that William Mitchell commenced the study of law in his office on the 4th Sep. 1808.

Voted to adjourn without day

Attest Tho. Bond, Jr. Secy.

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Mr. Hiram Delcher entered the office of Wilde & Bond as a student at law Sept. 7, 1810.

Brother Warren gives notice that John A. Chandler commenced the study of law in his office Sep. 14, 1810.

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At a meeting of the members of the Bar of the County of Kennebec holden at the Court house in Augusta at the December Term of the Court of Common Pleas 1810.  
The following rules & regulations were agreed upon & adopted.

- Article 1. No business shall be done at a Bar Meeting unless six members are present. Every member shall be liable to pay a fine of one dollar to be disposed of by the bar, who shall neglect to attend a bar meeting after receiving due notice from the secretary thereof unless a reasonable excuse can be given.
2. No cost shall be demanded for any amendment of a declaration or plea authorized by law, or permitted by the Court.
3. No gentleman of the Bar shall upon any terms or under any circumstances assume the case of an



action commenced by a person not a regularly admitted practitioner at this or some other bar in the State.

4. The following fees for professional aid and the lowest which can reasonably, or honorably be received by the bar; and in case of particular difficulty, or magnitude, greater fees may be demanded.

For advice not less than one dollar in any case & when the property in dispute exceeds \$50. not less than two dollars.

The office fee on a demand under \$20. left for collection & not sued fifty cents.

The office fee on a demand over \$20. left for collection & not sued one dollar.

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The commission for collecting & paying over money to a creditor who lives out of the District of Maine in all cases not less than  $2\frac{1}{2}$  per cent.

In case a debt is settled by acknowledgment under \$20. the fee to be charged the debtor shall be \$1., over \$20 & not exceeding \$200. the fee shall be \$2, over \$200 & not exceeding \$500 the fee shall be \$3.00, over \$500 and not exceeding \$1000, the fee shall be \$4. and so on, & the above fees are to be added to cost of suit, where one is commenced.

When an action is settled on the first day of the term, or after & before entry, travel & attendance shall be charged in addition to writ & service.

The sum of money which every student shall be required to pay for his law education shall be \$250.

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Article 5. No gentleman shall be recommended for admission to C. C. P. unless he shall have studied law one year in the office of a counsellor of the Supreme Judicial Court in this County.

6. For procuring a continuance of an action in C. C. P. three dollars shall be charged.

7. Fees in the C. C. P.

For Plffs. counsel or attorney

If the Plf. prevail, his attorney who commenced the suit is to charge him with the bill of cost & give him credit for it if received of the defendant.

If the Plf. does not prevail in the suit, his attorney who commenced the action is to charge him with the suit & all money paid for him in the suit & a term fee of \$5. each term, provided that does not exceed the travel and attendance.



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For arguing a cause to the Court or Jury not less than six dollars.

For Deft. counsel or attorney

When the defendant prevails his counsel or attorney is to charge him with the bill of cost & give him credit for it when received.

If the defendant does not prevail his counsel or attorney is to charge \$5 for each term.

If the cause be argued in Supreme Judicial Court or Court of Common Pleas, the arguing fee is to be substituted for the term fee at the term when the argument is had.

After the term in which a cause is referred & before the term in which a report is made, half fees only shall be charged.

When a cause is continued for judgment at the request of the Plf. no fees shall be taxed to the defendant by the jlf, but the attorney for the Plf. shall charge him with \$2 for each term in C. C. P. & \$4 in S. J. C. in addition to the bill of cost.

Fees in S. J. C.

When the Plf. prevails, his counsel or attorney is to charge ~~himself~~ him with the bill of cost & give him credit for the same when received.

When the Plf. does not prevail his counsel or attorney is to charge all money paid in the suit & \$6 for each term unless that sum should exceed travel and attendance.

For Deft. counsel or attorney

When the defendant prevails, his counsel or attorney is to charge the bill of cost & give credit for it when received.

When the defendant does not prevail, his counsel or attorney is to charge him \$6 for each term.

For arguing a cause in S. J. C. to the Court or Jury not less than \$12

Voted That the foregoing rules be presented to each member of the Bar for his signature & that the same be printed at the expense of the Bar & every member furnished with a copy

Voted to adjourn without day.

Attest Tho. Bond, Jr.

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At a bar meeting holden at the Court House in Augusta on the 24 May 1811

Voted that Mr. Haskel a student in Mr. Ripley's office be recommended at the next December Term of the Court of Common Pleas to practice law at the bar of said Court, he producing certificates of studying the necessary time & of his moral character.

Voted that Mr. Elder a student in the office of Nathan Weston, Jr. be recommended at the present term to practice law at the bar of the Court of Common Pleas.



Daniel Williams entered the office of Bridge & Williams as a student at Law May 15, 1811. James Weston entered the office of Nathan Weston Jr. as a student at Law April 1st. 1811.

Voted to adjourn without day.

Thos. Bond, Jr. Secy.

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At a Bar meeting holden at the Court House in Augusta on the 4th day of June 4, 1811.

Voted that Hen. Prentiss Hallen be president of this meeting.

Voted that Bartlett Allen be recommended to practice law at the Bar of the Supreme Judicial Court as attorney.

Voted that Thomas A. Hill be recommended to practice law as attorney at the Bar of the Supreme Judicial Court.

Voted to adjourn without day.

Attest Thos. Bond Jr. Secy.

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At a meeting of the members of the Kennebec Bar holden at Augusta on the sixth day of June 1811.

Voted that Alexander Balcher be recommended to practice as counsellor at the Bar of the Supreme Judicial Court.

Voted to adjourn.

Thos. Bond Jr. Secy.

Nov. 6, 1811, David G. W. Cobb commenced the study of law in the office of Wilde & Bond.  
Thos. Bond Jr. Secy.

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At a meeting of the members of the Kennebec Bar holden at Augusta in the Court House on 10th December 1811.

Voted That William Simons be recommended to practice law at the bar of the Circuit Court of Common Pleas.

Attest Thos. Bond Jr. Secy.

At a meeting of the members of the Kennebec Bar holden at the Court House in Augusta on the 16, Dec. 1811

Voted that William Haskel be recommended to practice law at the Bar of the Circuit Court of Common Pleas.

Attest Thos. Bond Jr. Secy.

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At a meeting of the members of the Kennebec Bar holden at the Court House in Augusta on the 15th August 1812.

Voted that Hyrum Balcher & Benjamin Foster be recommended to practice Law at the Bar of the Circuit Court of Common Pleas.

Attest Thos. Bond Jr. Secy.



At a meeting of the members of the Kennebec Bar holden at the Court House in Augusta on the 17th of August 1822.

Voted to abolish the bar rule which allows actions, in which there is no defence to be continued to be defaulted, & that the same rule be null & void after the present term.

Attest Tho. Bond Jr. Secy.

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At a meeting of the members of the Kennebec Bar holden at the Court House in Augusta on the 15, Dec. 1822

Voted that James L. Child be recommended to practice law at the Bar of the Circuit Court of Common Pleas.

Attest Tho. Bond, Jr. Secy.

At a meeting of the members of the Kennebec Bar holden at the Court House in Augusta on the 10th of August 1823

Voted that William Mitchel be recommended to practice law at the Bar of the Circuit Court of Common Pleas.

Attest Tho. Bond, Jr. Secy.

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At a meeting of the members of the Kennebec Bar in the County of Kennebec holden at the Court House in Augusta at the Term of the Supreme Judicial Court in June 1823.

Voted that Calvin Selden, Augustus Alden, Eleuthen Pope & David Kidder be recommended for admission to practice as attorneys at the Bar of the Supreme Judicial Court.

A copy from the minutes of Bond Williams, Esqr. Secy pro tem.

Attest Tho. Bond Jr. Secy.

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At a meeting of the members of the Kennebec Bar holden at the Court house in Augusta on the 14th Dec. 1823.

Voted that William C. Wilde be recommended for admission to practice law at the bar of the Circuit Court of Common Pleas.

Attest Tho. Bond, Jr. Secy.

At a meeting of the members of the Kennebec Bar holden at the Court house in Augusta on the 4th day June 1824.

Voted that William Emmons, John Potter & Jonathan C. Hinton be recommended to the Supreme Judicial Court to practice as attorneys at the Bar of the said Court.

Attest Tho. Bond, Jr. Secy.

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At a meeting of the members of Kennebec Bar holden at the Court House in Augusta on the eleventh day of August 1824.

Voted that Joshua Fairfield be recommended for admission to practice law in the Circuit Court of Common Pleas.

Attest Tho. Bond Jr. Secy.



Sep. 19, 1814 Mr. William H. Robbins commenced the study of law in the office of Wilde & Bond.

Thos. Bond, Jr. Secy.

At a meeting of the members of the Kennebec Bar at the Court House in Augusta on the twentieth day of December A. D. 1814.

Voted that in all cases, when an action shall be commenced for the Court of Common Pleas & which shall be settled before entry, not less than three dollars shall be charged for the writ, & in

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cases of great magnitude & difficulty a larger sum may be required & received.

Voted, that in all cases before a justice of the Peace, there shall be taxed in addition to the other cost of the suit thirty three cents for a power of attorney.

Attest Thos. Bond, Jr. Secy.

Voted, that Eleuthem Pope & Augustus Alden, Esqrs. be recommended to practice as Counsellors at the Bar of the Supreme Judicial Court & that William Buckminster, Esq. be recommended for admission to practice as attorney at the Bar of the Supreme Judicial Court.

Attest Thos. Bond Secy. of Bar.

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Sep. 11, 1815 Mr. W. W. Fuller entered the office of Thos. Bond as a student at law.

Oct. 19, 1815 Mr. David Agry entered the office of Thos. Bond as a student at law.

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At a meeting of the members of the Kennebec Bar holden at the Court house Aug. 15, 1816.

Voted that Marshall Preston be recommended for admission to practice law in the Circuit Court of Common Pleas.

Voted, that a committee be appointed to revise the Bar rules & regulations & to make such new rules & correct such old rules as they may deem expedient & to make report of their doings at the next session of the Supreme Judicial Court.

Voted, that William Barnes, Thomas Rice & Thos. Bond be the committee for the above purpose.

Voted that the Treasurer of the law library association be authorized to dispose of the money in his hands according to his discretion.

Attest Thos. Bond, Secy.

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At a Bar meeting holden at Augusta at the Court house Aug. 15, 1816

Voted that David G. W. Cobb be recommended for admission to practice law in the Circuit Court of Common Pleas.

Attest Thos. Bond Secy.

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At a Bar meeting holden at Augusta at the Court House October 9th, 1816

Voted that the following rules & regulations be adopted by the Kennebec

Bar viz:



### Article I.st

No business shall be done at a Bar meeting unless six members are present. Every member shall be liable to pay a fine of one dollar to be disposed of by the Bar, who shall neglect to attend a Bar meeting, after receiving due notice from the Secretary thereof, unless a reasonable excuse can be given.

### Art. II

No cost shall be demanded for any amendment of a declaration or plea, authorized by Law or permitted by the Court.

### Art. III

No Gentlemen of the Bar shall upon terms, or under any circumstances assume the case of an action commenced by a person, not a regularly admitted practitioner at this or some other Bar in the State.

### Art. IV

All actions intended for trial shall be continued one term, at the election of either party but when both parties are desirous of a trial at the first term, it may be had.

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### Art. V

The defendants attorney may be required to elect whether he will demand or continue his action, one trial final on his part.

### Art. VI

Fees. The following fees for professional aid, are the lowest which can reasonably or honorably be received by the Bar, & in peculiar difficulty or magnitude, greater fees may be demanded.

For advice, not less than one dollar in any case & when the property in dispute exceeds \$50, not less than \$2.00.

The office fee on a demand under \$20.00 late for collection & not sued 50 cents.

The office fee on a demand over \$20.00 late for collection & not sued \$1.00.

The commissions for collecting & paying over money to a creditor, who lives out of the District of Maine in all cases not less than 2½ percent.

In case of debt is settled by acknowledgment under \$20.00 the fee to be

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charged the debtor shall be \$1.00, over \$20. and not exceeding \$200. -



the fee shall be \$2. - over \$200. & not exceeding \$300, - the fee shall be \$3. - over \$300. & not exceeding \$400. - the fee shall be \$4. - & so on; & the above fees are to be added to cost of suit when one is commenced.

In all actions commenced in the C. C. C. Pleas where the demand exceeds \$50. - \$5.00 shall be taken for the writ in case of settlement before entry, but when the demand is less than \$50. - \$2.15 only shall be taken for the writ on settlement as aforesaid.

When an action is settled on the first day of the term, or after, & before entry, travel & attendance shall be charged in addition to writ & service.

The sum of money which every student shall be required to pay for his law education shall be two hundred and fifty dollars.

#### Art. VII

No person who has not received

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a liberal education shall be admitted as a student at law, into any office, until he shall have obtained a certificate of his qualifications ~~at~~ to commence the study from a committee appointed by the Bar, for the examination of such persons.

#### Art. VIII

No gentleman shall be recommended for admission to the C.C.C. Pleas unless he shall have studied law one year in the office of a counsellor of the Supreme Judicial Court, in this County.

#### Art. IX

For procuring the continuance of an action in the C.C.C. Pleas, three dollars shall be charged.

#### Art. X

Fees in the C.C.C. Pleas for the Plaintiff's counsel or attorney -

1. If the Plaintiff prevail, his attorney who commenced the suit, is to charge him with the bill of cost, & give him credit for it if received of the defendant.

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2. If the Plaintiff does not prevail in the suit, his attorney who commenced the action, is to charge him with the writ & all money paid out for him in the suit and a term fee of \$5.00 for each term provided that does not exceed the travel & attendance.
3. For arguing a cause ~~at~~ to the Court or Jury not less than six dollars.



For Deft's Counsel or Atty.

1. <sup>st</sup> When the Defendant prevails his counsel or attorney is to charge him with the bill of cost & give him credit for it when rendered.
2. <sup>d</sup> If the Defendant does not prevail his Counsel or Attorney is to charge \$5.00 for each term.
3. <sup>d</sup> If the cause be argued in the Supreme Judicial Court or the Circuit Court of Common Pleas the arguing fee is to be substituted for the term fee at the term when the argument is had. --

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4. After the term in which a cause is returned & before the term in which a report is made, half fees only shall be charged.
5. When a cause is continued for judgment at the request of the Plaintiff no fees shall be taxed to the Defendant by the Plaintiff; but the attorney for the Plaintiff shall charge him with two dollars for each term in the C.C.C. Pluses & four dollars in the S. J. C. in addition to the bill of cost.

Then in S. J. C. for Plc't's Counsel or Atty.

1. When the Plaintiff prevails his counsel or attorney shall charge him with the bill of cost & give him credit for the same when rendered.
2. <sup>d</sup> When the Plaintiff does not prevail, his Counsel or Attorney is to charge all money paid in the suit & \$5.00 for each term, unless the sum shall exceed twelve & a halfpence.

For Deft's Counsel or Atty.

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1. When the Defendant prevails, his counsel or attorney is to charge the bill of cost & give credit for it when rendered. When the Defendant does not prevail, his counsel or attorney is to charge him with \$5.00 for each term.
2. For arguing a cause in S. J. C. to the Court or Jury, not less than twelve dollars.

Art. XI

No Gentlemen of the Bar shall hereafter allow any student in his office to receive & appropriate to himself any part of the fees or bills of cost for business done in the office, as practitioners, but in case any gentleman shall see fit to allow any student in his office any perquisites for his services, said perquisites shall be a gross sum not dependent upon or connected with the business of the office.

Art. XII

The presiding shall compose the whole system of rules, by which the practice of the Bar, in this County shall be governed all cases not contemplated being left to the



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discretion & decision to the members of the Bar.

Art. XIII

All rules & regulations contrary to or inconsistent with this system are hereby repealed.

Voted That in compliance with the seventh article of the above, Ernest Bond, Williams Evans & Teleg Sumner be a committee to examine persons, who may propose to study law & who have not received a liberal education, & to give certificates of their qualifications.

Attest Tho. Bond Secy.

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At a meeting of the members of the Kansas Bar on the 16, Dec. 1916.  
Voted to recommend Richard Delcher & Brod. Furman for admission to practice law in the Circuit Court of Canon Plains.

Voted That it is the sense of the said Bar, that no gentleman thereof can with propriety permit any person, not qualified according to the rules of the Bar, to do the business of any attorney in his office & in his name, or under his countenance & receive the emoluments thereof or any part thereof, and all business so done is to be considered as not intitled to the same courtesy, as business done by a regular attorney.

Tho. Bond Secy.

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At a meeting of the members of the Kansas Bar on the 24th of April 1917  
Voted to recommend Abisha Benson for admission to practice law in the Circuit Court of Canon Plains.

Attest Tho. Bond Secy.

At a meeting of the members of the Kansas Bar on the            day of June 1917  
Voted to recommend            for admission to practice law in Supreme  
Judicial Court.

Attest Tho. Bond, Secy.

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At a meeting of the members of the Kansas Bar on the 15, Aug. 1917  
Voted to recommend William W. Fuller & William H. Robbins for admission to practice law in the Circuit Court of Canon Plains.

Attest Tho. Bond Secy.

At a meeting of the members of the Kansas Bar on the 20 of Aug. 1917

Voted, That Frederic Allen, Thomas Bond & Phillip Leach be a committee to consider the fourth & fifth articles of the rules of the Bar adopted in October 1916 & report their opinion thereon.

Attest Tho. Bond Secy.

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Sep. 15, 1817 Mr. John S. Tany entered office of T. Bond as student at law.

At a meeting of the members of the Kennebec Bar holden at the Court house in Augusta on the 20th April A. D. 1818.

Voted to recommend Charles M. Austin for admission to practice law in the Circuit Court of Common Pleas.

Attest Tho. Bond, Secy.

At a meeting of the members of the Kennebec Bar holden at the Court house in Augusta on the 4th June 1818.

Voted that Peleg Sprague & Edward Fuller & William Clark Requires be recommended for admission to practice law as attorneys in the Supreme Judicial Court.

Attest Tho. Bond Secy.

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At a meeting of the members of the Kennebec Bar holden at the Court house in Augusta on the 11, Aug, 1818.

Voted that George Evans be recommended for admission to practice law as attorney of the Circuit Court of Common Pleas.

Attest Theo. Bond Secy.

Sep. 15, 1818 Mr. George B. Small entered office of T. Bond as student at law.

Hon. James Bridge gave notice that Mr. Edmund T. Bridge began study of law with him Sep. 7, 1818.

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At a meeting of the members of the Kennebec Bar at the Court House in Augusta on Tuesday the first day of June A. D. 1819.

Voted, unanimously, that Zachariah Soule is & has been for some time past, a person of disolute & profligate life & manner, that it would be derogatory to suffer him to retain his relation to the profession of the law & that he be no longer ~~be~~ considered a member thereof or intitled to any of its privileges.

Voted to recommend Judah McLellan, Esquire for admission to practice law as a Counsellor of the Supreme Judicial Court.

Voted to recommend Richard Belcher Esqr. for admission to practice law as an attorney of the Supreme Judicial Court.

Attest Tho. Bond, Secy of Bar

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At a meeting of the members of the Kennebec Bar at the Court House in Augusta on Fryday the 20th day of August A. D. 1819

Voted unanimously that the rule of the Bar regulating the continuance of actions be so far rescinded that when the Deft's counsel states upon his honor that there is a real defense & that that defense is, he shall not be subject to any restrictions.

Voted that it is a dishonourable practice to continue any action for a less sum than three Dollars -

Attest John Potter Sec. of Bar



William C. Wilde Esqr. gave notice that George C. Wilde entered his office as a student at law on the seventh day of August, A. D. 1919 -

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At a meeting of the members of the Bar at the Court House on Tuesday Dec. 14, 1919, Asa Hollington, Jr. was recommended for admission to practice at the Bar of the Circuit Court of Common Pleas, it appearing by the certificate of Sam'l L. Conner, Esqr. that he had pursued his studies in his office nineteen months. (said Conner not being a counsellor), that he had from the representation of Tim Bontelle, Esqr. devoted two years and four months exclusively to his professional studies & eight months a greater part of the time in Bro. Bontelle's office, altho during that time he officiated as cashier of the Waterville bank, - ~~admission~~ There were seven in favor of admission, & six of the Bar opposed.

Attest John Potter Sec. of the Bar.

At a meeting of the Members of the Kennebec Bar on Tuesday August 19th, A. D. 1920 -

Voted to recommend Jason Reed & John S. Tenney for admission to practice Law in the Circuit Court of Common Pleas, the said Reed to commence practice after the twelfth of October next.

Attest John Potter Secy. of Bar

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At a meeting of the Members of the Kennebec Bar on Friday August 23, 1920

Voted to recommend Elias Cobb for admission to practice Law in the Circuit Court of Common Pleas from & after the eighteenth day of October next.

Attest John Potter Secy. of Bar

At a meeting of the Members of the Kennebec Bar on Tuesday Sept. 11th A. D. 1920. Voted to recommend Daniel Williams, Charles Danner, William W. Fuller, George Evans, Abigail Benson, Charles M. Dustin & Irving L. Gild for admission to practice as attorneys in the Supreme Judicial Court - Also Voted to recommend Peleg ~~Spencer~~ Sympson, William Clark, Edward Fuller, John Fairfield for admission as Counsellors of said Court.

Attest John Potter Secy of Bar.

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At a meeting of the Members of the Kennebec Bar on Tuesday 10th April 1921. Voted to recommend David Agry & Isaac Coffin for admission to practice at the Bar of the Circuit Court of Common Pleas - said Agry to commence practice from & after the first of June next - -

Attest John Potter Secy of Bar.

Thomas Rice, Esqr. gave notice that Theodore S. Brown entered his office as a student at law in September last ( to wit in 1920).

At a meeting of the Members of the Kennebec Bar on Tuesday, May 22d, 1921. Voted to recommend Richard Belcher, Esqr. to practice as Counsellor in the Supreme Judicial Court.

Attest John Potter Secy. of Bar.



At a meeting of the members of the Kennebec Bar August 14, 1821.  
Voted to recommend Mr. Edward S. Bridge to practice as an attorney at the Bar of the  
Circuit Court of Common Pleas.

Attest John Potter, Secy. of Bar.

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At a meeting of the members of the Kennebec Bar on Tuesday 19th August  
1821. Voted to recommend for admission as to practice at the Bar  
of the Supreme Judicial Court.

Attest John Potter Secy.

At a meeting of Kennebec Bar at the December Term of the Court of Common  
Pleas 1821. Peleg Sprague, Mr. Barnes, David Williams & John Potter were chosen a  
committee to petition the Court of Sessions that they would provide 4 cabinets to be  
erected in the Court Room for the purpose of depositing the books belonging to the  
Law Library.

Attest J. Potter Secy.

At a meeting of Kennebec Bar on eleventh of April 1822 at the Court House,  
Timothy Bontelle, T. Bond, P. Sprague & Raul Williams were chosen a Committee to  
revise the Bar Rules Etc. & to report this Term.

Attest John Potter Secy.

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At a meeting of the Members of the Kennebec Bar April 12th, 1822 at the  
Court House, the Committee chosen on the 11th instant to revise the Bar Rules & to  
report this Term made the following Report to wit -

"The Committee appointed by the Bar on the eleventh instant to report on  
the rules, which ought to regulate the disposition of actions at the first term of,  
ask leave to report - That the following will be adopted - Every action in which  
the Defendant's Counsel shall state a defence, & the facts which constitute the same  
shall be continued at the first term, unless one of the parties has notified the  
other in writing before the first ~~term~~ day of the session of the Court, that he  
intends to have a trial at the first Term, - As it regards the actions entered at  
this Term, that it is not expedient to make any alteration in the present rules -

Augusta 12th April 1822. T. Bontelle per order.

Voted that Thos. Bond, Peleg Sprague & Raul Williams be a committee to  
revise the Bar Rules & to report at the Supreme Judicial Court at the next term.

Voted that William Clark, E. T. Warren & Charles Dummer be a committee  
to take into consideration the subject of Clerk's fees etc.

Attest John Potter

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At a meeting of the Members of the Kennebec Bar at the Court house on  
Friday August sixteenth, A. D. 1822. Voted to recommend James Stacpole, Esq.  
for admission to practice as an attorney in the Court of Common Pleas.

Attest J. Potter, Secy. of Bar.



At a meeting of the members of the Kennebec Bar at the Court House on the twenty eighth day of May, A.D. 1822. Voted to recommend Broth Farnham for admission to practice as an Attorney in the Supreme Judicial Court.

Attest John Potter Sec. of Bar.

At a meeting of the members of the Kennebec Bar at the Court House on the seventeenth day of September, A.D. 1822. Voted to recommend Daniel Williams, George Evans, Charles M. Dustin, Charles Dummer & Abishai Benson for admission to practice as Counsellors in the Supreme Judicial Court.

Attest John Potter Secy.

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At a meeting of the members of the Kennebec Bar on Fryday December thirteenth 1822 - Voted that in all actions in which a Defence is stated & the nature of each defence, it shall be continued one term -

Voted That in all actions which may be answered to at the present term & in which no defence is stated - the same may be defaulted & continued for Judgment, or continued by consent, said rule applying only to the present term of the Court.

Attest John Potter Secy.

At a meeting of the Kennebec Bar on Tuesday August 12th 1823. Voted that David Bronson be recommended to practice as an Attorney in the Court of Common Pleas. Also voted to recommend John D. W. Crate for admission to practice as an attorney in said Court.

Attest John Potter Clerk.

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At a meeting of the members of the Kennebec Bar December eighth, 1823 - Voted to recommend Theodore S. Brown for admission to practice as an attorney in the Court of Common Pleas.

Attest John Potter Secy.

At a meeting of the Members of Kennebec Bar on Monday April 15th A.D. 1824. Voted to recommend for admission Mr. George Stickney to practice as an attorney at Law at the Bar of the Court of Common Pleas.

Attest John Potter Secy.

At a meeting of the members of the Kennebec Bar on Fryday April 15, 1825 - Voted to recommend for admission Mr. Benjamin Allen, Jr. to practice as an attorney at law in the Court of Common Pleas.

Attest John Potter, Secy.

At a meeting of the Members of the Kennebec Bar at the Court House on Tuesday May 31, 1825. Voted to recommend Messrs. Asa Redington Jr. & Seth Bartlett for admission to practice as Attornies in the Supreme Judicial Court.

Attest John Potter Secy.

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At a meeting of the Kennebec Bar, 14th April A.D. 1825. Voted to recommend Nathan Eldon, Jr. for admission to practice as an attorney in the Court of Common Pleas.

George Evans, Secy. pro tem.

At a meeting of the members of the Kennebec Bar on the 10th of August,



1925. It was voted to recommend Sylvanus W. Robinson for admission to practice Law in the Court of Common Pleas.

Phillip Leach Secy. pro tem.

Sept. 23rd, 1925. James Bridge, Esqr. left a certificate that Horatio Bridge began to read Law under his direction on the 14th day of September 1925.

J. Potter, Secy.

SEPTEMBER

At a meeting of the members of the Kennebec Bar on Tuesday, August 3, 1925. Voted to recommend Jacob Smith, Eleazar Boyd & Edward S. Bowman for admission (also John Otis) to practice as attorneys at Law in the Court of Common Pleas, also that Geo. W. Bachelder be also recommended,

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for said admission, subject however, to the condition that each of the above persons who have not fully completed three years in the study of the Law be required to continue their studies until three years shall be completed before they commence the practice.

Attest J. Potter Secy of Bar.

At a meeting of the Members of the Kennebec Bar on Wednesday August 9th, 1926. Voted that no student be hereafter recommended for admission unless 1st. Student shall have studied the last year with some counsellor in this County - Also voted that the secretary correspond with the respective secretaries of the Bars of the respective Counties upon the above subject, that the Bar of this County have adopted the above rule & state to them that inconveniences have resulted from a different practice, & request that the other Bars may adopt similar rules.

Attest J. Potter Secy.

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At a meeting of the Kennebec Bar, 15th Dec. 1926. Voted that Messrs Jones Cutting be recommended for admission to practice as Attorney at Law in the Circuit Court of Common Pleas.

Voted that Samuel Williams, Geo. Evans & Thomas Bond, Requires be a committee to meet committees from the Bars in the several Counties in the State for the purpose of forming general rules relative to the admission of Attorneys & Counsellors in pursuance of a communication from the Bar of the County of York.

Voted that for Court write settled before entry not less than three Dollars be charged in any case.

W. W. Pullar, Secy. pro tem.

At a meeting of members of Kennebec Bar May 27th, 1927. Voted to recommend Asa Redington, Jr. Esqr. for admission as Counsellor in S. J. Court.

Attest J. Potter, Secy.

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At a meeting of the members of the Kennebec Bar on Friday 2nd of June, 1927. Voted to recommend Ephraim Lyon & Ephraim H. Inghard for admission to practice as attorneys at Law in the S. J. Court.

Attest J. Potter Secy.



At a meeting of the members of the Kennebec Bar at the Court House on Thursday March 29th, 1827 for the purpose of taking measure in relation to the death of Thomas Bond, Esqr. late a member of this Bar - Frederic Allen, Esqr. was chosen moderator - - Voted to accept the resolutions offered by Bond Williams, Esqr. which were as follows - to wit.

"It have pleased Almighty God to remove by death our lamented and much esteemed Brother Thomas Bond -

Resolved unanimously that the members of the Bar of the County of Kennebec, calling to mind the amicable disposition, the excellent qualities, the exemplary life and valuable services of their deceased Brother, and

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solemnly impressed with a sense of the great loss to them, to the Court & to the public, occasioned by his death in the midst of his efforts & of his usefulness, as a mark of their respect for the memory of their deceased Brother and of their deep & mournful sense of the loss which the public & the profession have sustained in his death, will attend his funeral in a body & will wear crapes on the left arm for thirty days -

Resolved that the secretary of the Bar cause the foregoing preamble & resolutions to be entered on the records of the Bar & transmit a copy of the same to the widow of the deceased."

A true copy Attest J. Potter Secy.

The foregoing resolutions etc. were at said meeting unanimously adopted, & it was also voted that the Clerk cause the same to be published in the public newspaper printed in the town of Hallowell.

Attest J. Potter, Clerk.

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At a meeting of the Members of the Kennebec Bar at the Court House on the fourteenth day of August 1827. Voted, to recommend John T. P. Duxont for admission to practice as an Attorney at the Court of Common Pleas.

Attest John Potter Secy.

At a meeting of the Members of the Kennebec Bar at the Court House June Term, 1827, Sup. Jud. Court - -  
Voted to recommend Alphaeus Lyon

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August Term C. C. P. 1827.

At a meeting of the Members of the Bar at the Court House in Augusta on the seventeenth day of August, Daniel Williams was elected Secretary of the Bar in the place of John Potter, Esqr. resigned - - -

The Bar having proceeded to consider the Bar Rules agreed upon and recommended for adoption by a Convention of Delegates from all the Bars in this State (two excepted) holden in Portland on the first day of February 1827 -

Voted, that the Secretary of the Bar communicate information of the adoption of said Rules by the Bar of Kennebec County to the other Bars in this State .



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be allowed to my attorney  
to obtain his opinion as to whether or not I am entitled to the same.

have made such progress therein as would qualify him for the first degree in the Arts at one of the public colleges in this State; -

And if the addressee proposed to said colleges shall be satisfactory, they shall certify the same; but if not satisfactory, they shall determine what further preparation the addressee shall be required to make before the student can commence his legal studies, and the same shall be reported in the office and under the direction of a Commissioner of the Law, which not commenced, until the student shall have completed the necessary studies required by the Committee of the Bar; -

5. That no time spent in school teaching or other employment shall be allowed to any student as a part of the time he is required to devote to the study, scientific and legal studies.

1.6c That no person shall be recommended for admission to the law until he is twenty one years of age, nor shall any person under eighteen years of age be admitted into any office as a law student.

2.d That no person, who has not had a liberal education and regular degrees at some public college, shall be admitted into any office as a law student until he has produced to a standing committee of the law for that purpose, satisfactory evidence that after having attained to the age of fourteen years he has under the law and direction of some competent jurist or jurists faithfully devoted four years to the acquisition of the Latin and English languages, rhetoric, geography, history & modern history, mathematics, astronomy, natural, political, moral and intellectual philosophy, and natural and social religion, and spent

rules adopted by the convention -- --

At a convention of delegates from the several States in the State, with the exception of the State of Kansas & Washington, held at Portland January 2, 1857 -- --

Hon. Josiah Stebbins was appointed President  
Daniel Goodenow Secretary

On motion of Mr. Williams of Kentucky, the communication from the County of York, which had been addressed to the several States in this State, was referred to a Committee by Messrs. Longfellow, Ayer, Williams, Davis & Goodenow -- --

The communication examined and read again on the first day of February, 1857 when Mr. Longfellow made the following report, --

The Committee to whom was referred the communication from the State in the County of York are happy to report that the following rules



4. That the price of tuition shall not be less than two hundred and fifty dollars, - - - -

S. Longfellow Secy.

Read and accepted - - -

Daniel Goodenow Secy.

Whereupon it was ordered, that the proceedings of the Convention should be signed by the Chairman and Secretary, and a copy of the same should be transmitted to each Bar in the State, with a request that the Rules contained in the Report of the Committee may be adopted, and that notice thereof may be communicated by each Bar adopting the

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same to all the others Bars in the State.

Josiah Stebbins - Chairman  
Dan'l Goodenow - Secy.

At a meeting of the Members of the Kennebec Bar on Friday the eleventh day of April, 1880 the following gentlemen were appointed a Committee of Examiners.

Fred'c Allen  
Geo. Evans Esqrs. Gardiner  
  
Wm. W. Fuller  
Chas. Dummer Esqrs. Hallowell  
  
Henry W. Fuller  
William Emmons Esqrs. Augusta  
  
Thomas Rice  
Tim. Boutelle Esqrs. Waterville

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Voted That any two members of the examining Committee be authorized to examine the qualifications of young gentlemen preparing to enter upon the study of the law.

Voted, That William Clark, John Potter & Daniel Williams be a Committee to revise the Bar rules & make report at the next term of the Sup. Jud. Court for this County.

Daniel Williams Secy.

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At a meeting of the Members of the Bar of Kennebec, at the Court House on Tuesday third day of June 1880.

Voted, to recommend Eben Hutchinson of Waterville and Sylvanus W. Robinson of Hallowell for admission to practice as Attornies at the Bar of the Sup. Jud. Court, they being duly qualified for such admission according to the rules of this Court, & each possessing a good moral character.

D. Williams Secy.



At a meeting of the Members of the Kennebec Bar held at the Court Room on Tuesday the 14th day of April 1929. Voted to recommend, Emerson F. Burns & Joseph J. Ewald, Esqs. for admission to practice as Attornies at the Court of Common Pleas, they being duly qualified for such admission according to the Rules of this Court and each sustaining a good moral character.

Daniel Williams Secy  
(R) Bar



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Wm. C. Wilde	1813 to	David Agry	1821 to
William Emmons	1814 to	Isaac Coffin	" to
John Potter	" to	Theo S. Brown	
Jona. G. Munton	" to	entered office	
Jotham Fairfield	" to	of Thomas Rice	
William Dickinson	1815 to	Sept. 1820.	
Marshall Preston	1816 to	Richard Belcher	" to
David G.W. Cobb	" to	Richard T. Bridge	" to
Richard Belcher	" to	James Stockpole Sr.	" to
Knock Farnham	" to	Knock Farnham	1822 to
Abishai Benson	1817 to	Daniel Williams	" to
Wm. W. Fuller	" to	Geo. Evans	" to
Wm. H. Robbins	" to	Chas. H. Dustin	" to
<del>Frederick Allen</del>		Charles Sumner	" to
Sept. 15, 1817 John S. Terry		Abishai Benson	" to
entered office of T. Bond		David Bronson	1823 to
as student at law -		John D. McGrate	" to
Charles H. Dustin	1818 to		
Peleg Sprague	" to		
Richard Fuller	" to		
Wm. Clark	" to		
Geo. Evans	" to		
Sept. 15, Geo. B. Small			
entered office of T. Bond.			
Richard T. Bridge entered			
office of Jas. Bridge,			
Sept. 7, 1818.			
Zachariah Soule disbursed			
June 1st, 1819			
Judah McFerran	1819 to		
Richard Belcher	" to		
Geo. C. Wilde entered			
office of Wm. C. Wilde			
Aug. 7, 1819			
Asa Reddington	1819 to		
7 in favor - 6 opposed			
Jason Reed	1820 to		
John S. Terry	" to		
Elias Cobb	" to		
Daniel Williams	" to		
Charles Sumner	" to		
Wm. W. Fuller	" to		
Geo. Evans	" to		
Abishai Benson	" to		
Chas. W. Dustin	" to		
James S. Child	" to		
Peleg Sprague	" to		
Wm. Clark	" to		
Richard Fuller	" to		
Jotham Fairfield	" to		



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Lawyers practicing in the District of Maine  
from 1789 to 1829 - 40 yrs.

Theophilus Bradbury	1787 to	Peter O. Alden	1799 to
Oliver Shaple	1787 to	Samuel Clidden	" to
John Frothingham		Andrew Greenwood	" to
Daniel Davis		Jeremiah Bailey	" to
Dudley Atkins		John Merrill, Jr.	" to
Jonathan Dawson		Samuel Thatcher	1800 to
Silas Lee		Jeremiah Bailey	" to
George Stacy		John Merrill, Jr.	" to
Samuel C. Johnson		Nathan Bridge	" to
Dudley Hubbard		Erastus Fette	" to
George Thatcher		Dudley Todd	1802 to
William Lithgow	1791 to	Henry W. Chamberlain	" to
Timothy Langdon	" to	William Jones	" to
George Warren	" to	Nathan Bridge	" to
Isaac Parker	" to	Philip Leach	" to
James Bridge	" to	Saml W. Williams	" to
Marassah Smith	" to	Henry Johnson	1810 to
Wm. Symmes	1792 to	Thomas A. Hill	" to
Frederick Mallen	" to	Timothy Boutelle	" to
Dudley Hubbard	" to	Henry W. Greeley	" to
Joseph Thomas	" to	J. Perley	" to
Samuel Wilde	1794 to	Allen	" to
Amos Stockard	" to	Thomas Bond, Jr.	" to
Benja. Hasey	" to	Hiram Belcher	1802 to
Reuben Kidder	" to	Benjamin Foster	" to
Colbb	1795 to	James S. Child	" to
Wm. Hodge	" to	Calvin Selden	1815 to
Thos. Rice, Jr.	" to	Augustus Alden	" to
Nathaniel Perley	" to	Minathan Pope	" to
Henry Mallen	" to	David Kidder	" to
Salmon Chase	" to		
Joseph Thomas	1796 to		
James Hopkins	" to		
Benja. Whitwell	" to		
Wm. Bredish	1796 to		
Allen Gilman	" to		
John Hathaway	1797 to		
Josiah Stebbins	" to		
Thomas Bowman	" to		



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The vote of the Bar relative to Zachariah Soule calls  
to mind certain lines written by one of his contemporaries,  
as related by another: Two of them I remember:  
"Souls without bodies I should always admire,  
If all souls that had bodies, were like Soule Zachariah."