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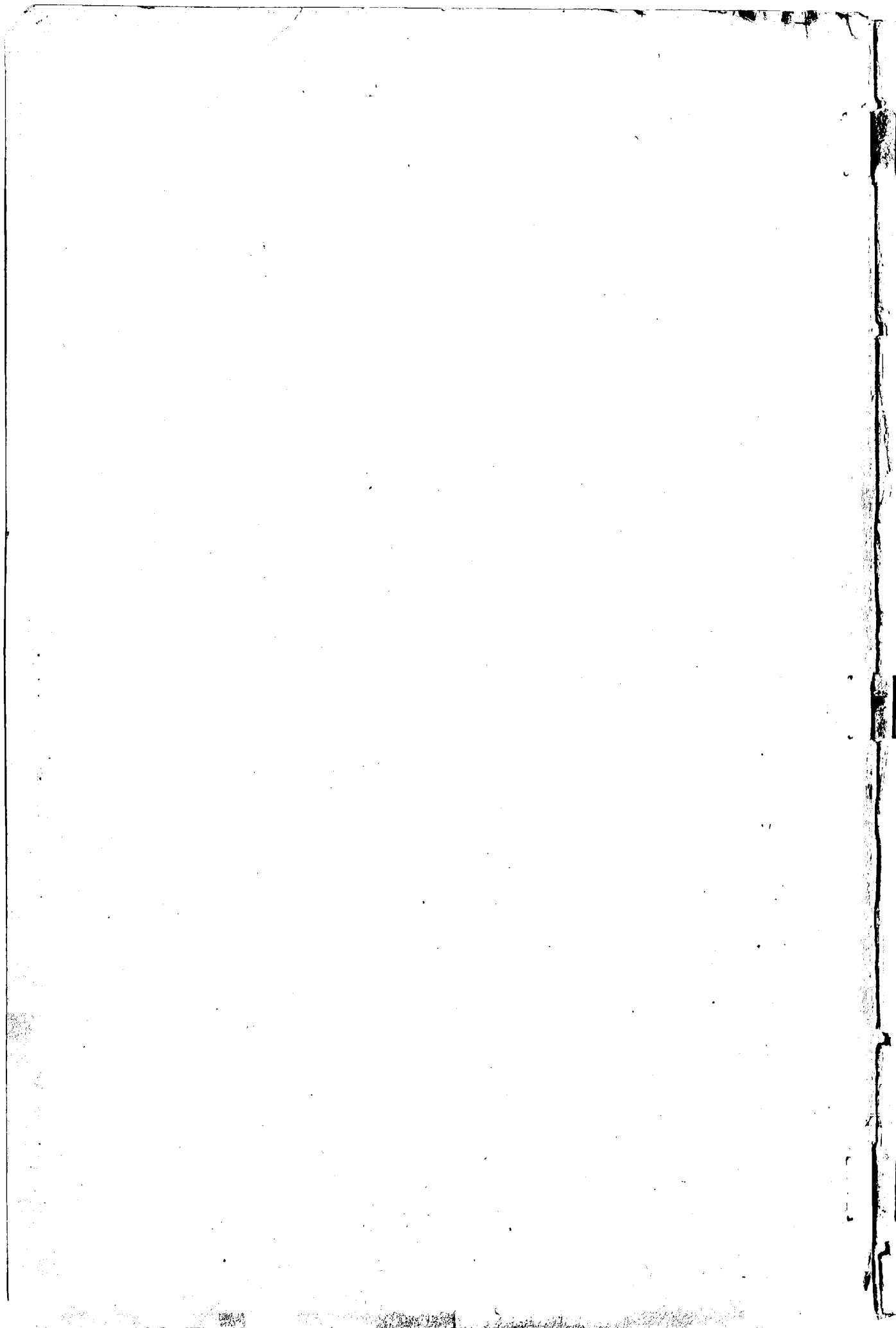
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MAINE.



An act of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts relating to the separation of the district of Maine from Massachusetts proper, and forming the same into a separate and independent state.

SEC. 1. Whereas it has been represented to this Legislature, that a majority of the people of the district of Maine are desirous of establishing a separate and independent government within said district: therefore,

*“Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in general court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the consent of this commonwealth be, and the same is hereby given, that the district of Maine may be formed and erected into a separate and independent state, if the people of the said district shall in the manner, and by the majority hereinafter mentioned, express their consent and agreement thereto, upon the following terms and conditions: and provided the congress of the United States shall give its consent thereto, before the fourth day of March next: which terms and conditions are as follows, viz.:*

*“First.* All the lands and buildings belonging to the commonwealth, within Massachusetts proper, shall continue to belong to said commonwealth, and all the lands belonging to the commonwealth within the district of Maine, shall belong, the one half thereof to the said commonwealth, and the other half thereof, to the state to be formed within the said district, to be divided as is hereinafter mentioned; and the lands within the said district, which shall belong to the said commonwealth, shall be free from taxation, while the title to the said lands remains in the commonwealth; and the rights of the commonwealth to their lands, within said district, and the remedies for the recovery thereof, shall continue the same, within the proposed state, and in the courts thereof, as they now are within the said commonwealth, and in the courts thereof; for which purposes, and for the maintenance of its rights, and recovery of its lands, the said commonwealth shall be entitled to all other proper and legal remedies, and may appear in the courts of the proposed state and in the courts of the United States, holden therein; and all rights of action for, or entry into lands, and of actions upon bonds, for the breach of the performance of the condition of settling duties, so called, which have accrued or may accrue, shall remain in this commonwealth, to be enforced, commuted, released, or otherwise disposed of, in such manner as this commonwealth may hereafter determine: *provided, however,* that whatever this commonwealth may hereafter receive or obtain on account thereof, if anything, shall, after deducting all reasonable charges relating thereto, be divided, one third part thereof to the new state, and two third parts thereof to this commonwealth.

*“Second.* All the arms which have been received by this commonwealth from the United States, under the law of congress, entitled “an act making provisions for arming and equipping the whole body of militia of the United States,” passed April the twenty-third, one thousand eight hundred and eight, shall, as soon as the said district shall become a separate state, be divided between the two states, in proportion to the returns of the militia, according to which, the said arms have been received from the United States, as aforesaid.

*“Third.* All money, stock or other proceeds, hereafter derived from the United States, on account of the claim of this commonwealth, for disbursements made, and expenses incurred, for the defence of the state, during the late war with Great Britain, shall be received by this commonwealth, and when received, shall be divided between the two states, in the proportion of two thirds to this commonwealth, and one third to the new state.

[See Resolves of Maine, (1823-1828) pages 263, 266, 278, 364, 525, 605, 823.]

9 Me., 88.  
67 Me., 201.

*“Fourth.* All other property, of every description, belonging to the commonwealth, shall be holden and receivable by the same as a fund and security, for all debts, annuities, and Indian subsidies, or claims due by said commonwealth; and within two years after the said district shall have become a separate state, the commissioners to be appointed, as hereinafter provided, if the said states cannot otherwise agree, shall assign a just portion of the productive property, so held by said commonwealth, as an equivalent and indemnification to said commonwealth, for all such debts, annuities or Indian subsidies or claims, which may then remain due, or unsatisfied: and all the surplus of the said property, so holden as aforesaid, shall be divided between the said commonwealth and the said district of Maine, in the proportion of two thirds to the said commonwealth, and one third to the said district—and if, in the judgment of the said commissioners, the whole of said property, so held, as a fund and security, shall not be sufficient indemnification for the purpose, the said district shall be liable for and shall pay to said commonwealth one third of the deficiency.

*“Fifth.* The new state shall, as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made for that purpose, assume and perform all the duties, and obligations of this commonwealth, towards the Indians within said district of Maine, whether the same arise from treaties, or otherwise; and for this purpose shall obtain the assent of said Indians, and their release to this commonwealth of claims and stipulations arising under the treaty at present existing between the said commonwealth and said Indians; and as an indemnification to such new state, therefore, this commonwealth when such arrangements shall be completed, and the said duties and obligations assumed, shall pay to said new state, the value of thirty thousand dollars, in manner following, viz: the said commissioners shall set off by metes and bounds, so much of any part of the land within the said district, falling to this commonwealth in the division of the public lands, hereinafter provided for, as in their estimation shall be of the value of thirty thousand dollars; and this commonwealth shall, thereupon, assign the same to the said new state, or in lieu thereof, may pay the sum of thirty thousand dollars at its election; which election of the said commonwealth, shall be made within one year from the time that notice of the doings of the commissioners, on this subject, shall be made known to the Governor and Council; and if not made within that time, the election shall be with the new state.

*“Sixth.* Commissioners, with the powers and for the purposes mentioned in this act, shall be appointed in manner following: the executive authority of each state shall appoint two; and the four so appointed or the major part of them, shall appoint two more: but if they cannot agree in the appointment, the executive of each state shall appoint one in addition; not however, in that case, to be a citizen of its own state. And any vacancy happening with respect to the commissioners shall be supplied in the manner provided for their original appointment; and, in addition to the powers hereinbefore given to said commissioners, they shall have full power and authority to divide all the public lands within the district, between the respective states, in equal shares, or moities, in severalty, having regard to quantity, situation and quality; they shall determine what lands shall be surveyed and divided, from time to time, the expense of which surveys, and of the commissioners, shall be borne equally by the two states. They shall keep fair records of their doings, and of the surveys made by their direction, copies of which records, authenticated by them, shall be deposited from time to time in the archives of the respective states; transcripts of which, properly certified, may be admitted in evidence in all questions touching the subject to which they

relate. The executive authority of each state may revoke the power of either or both its commissioners: having, however, first appointed a substitute, or substitutes, and may fill any vacancy happening with respect to its own commissioners: four of said commissioners shall constitute a quorum, for the transaction of business; their decision shall be final upon all subjects within their cognizance. In case said commission shall expire, the same not having been completed, and either state shall request the renewal or filling up of the same, it shall be renewed or filled up in the same manner, as is herein provided for filling the same, in the first instance, and with the like powers; and if either state shall, after six months notice, neglect or refuse to appoint its commissioners, the other may fill up the whole commission.

*“Seventh.* All grants of land, franchises, immunities, corporate or other rights, and all contracts for, or grants of land not yet located, which have been or may be made by the said commonwealth, before the separation of said district shall take place, and having or to have effect within the said district, shall continue in full force, after the said district shall become a separate state. But the grant which has been made to the president and trustees of Bowdoin College, out of the tax laid upon the banks, within this commonwealth, shall be charged upon the tax upon the banks within the said district of Maine, and paid according to the terms of said grant; and the president and trustees, and the overseers of said college, shall have, hold and enjoy their powers and privileges in all respects; so that the same shall not be subject to be altered, limited, annulled or restrained except by judicial process, according to the principles of law; and in all grants hereafter to be made, by either state, of unlocated land within the said district, the same reservation shall be made for the benefit of schools and of the ministry, as have heretofore been usual, in grants made by this commonwealth. And all lands heretofore granted by this commonwealth, to any religious, literary or eleemosynary corporation, or society, shall be free from taxation, while the same continues to be owned by such corporation, or society. 6 Me., 175.

*“Eighth.* No laws shall be passed in the proposed state, with regard to taxes, actions, or remedies at law, or bars or limitations thereof, or otherwise making any distinction between the lands and rights of property of proprietors, not resident in, or not citizens of said proposed state, and the lands and rights of property of the citizens of the proposed state, resident therein; and the rights and liabilities of all persons, shall, after the said separation, continue the same as if the said district was still a part of this commonwealth, in all suits pending, or judgments remaining unsatisfied on the fifteenth day of March next, where the suits have been commenced in Massachusetts proper, and process has been served within the district of Maine; or commenced in the district of Maine, and process has been served in Massachusetts proper, either by taking bail, making attachments, arresting and detaining persons, or otherwise, where execution remains to be done; and in such suits the courts within Massachusetts proper, and within the proposed state, shall continue to have the same jurisdiction as if the said district had still remained a part of the commonwealth. And this commonwealth shall have the same remedies within the proposed state, as it now has, for the collection of all taxes, bonds, or debts, which may be assessed, due, made, or contracted, by, to, or with the commonwealth, on or before the said fifteenth day of March, within the said district of Maine; and all officers within Massachusetts proper and the district of Maine, shall conduct themselves accordingly.

*“Ninth.* These terms and conditions, as here set forth, when the said district shall become a separate and independent state, shall *ipso*

1 Sumn., 276.

Proceedings  
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*facto*, be incorporated into, and become and be a part of any constitution, provisional or other, under which the government of the said proposed state, shall, at any time hereafter, be administered; subject however, to be modified, or annulled by the agreement of the legislature of both the said states; but by no other power or body whatsoever.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That the inhabitants of the several towns, districts and plantations, in the district of Maine, qualified to vote for governor or senators, shall assemble in regular meeting, to be notified by warrants of the proper officers, on the fourth Monday of July next, and shall, in open meeting, give in their votes, on this question: "Is it expedient, that the district of Maine shall become a separate and independent state, upon the terms and conditions, provided in an act, entitled "an act relating to the separation of the district of Maine from Massachusetts proper, and forming the same into a separate and independent state?" And the selectmen of the towns and districts, and the assessors of the plantations, shall, in open meeting, receive, sort, count and declare, and the clerks thereof, respectively, shall record the votes given for and against the measure; and the said selectmen, assessors and clerks, respectively, shall make out an exact return thereof, under their hands, and shall seal up and transmit the same to the office of the secretary of this commonwealth, on or before the fourth Monday of August next. And all returns, not then made, shall be rejected in the counting; and the governor and council shall open and examine the said returns made as aforesaid, and shall count the votes given on the said question; and the governor shall, by public proclamation, to be made as soon as the state of the votes can be ascertained, after the said fourth Monday of August next, make known the result, by declaring the number of votes appearing in favor of the separation of said district, as aforesaid, and the number of votes appearing against it. And, if the number of votes for the measure shall exceed the number of votes against it by fifteen hundred, then, and not otherwise, the people of said district shall be deemed to have expressed their consent and agreement, the said district shall become a separate and independent state, upon the terms and conditions above stated; and, in case of such majority, the governor, in his said proclamation, shall call upon the people of said district to choose delegates to meet in convention for the purposes, and in the manner hereinafter provided; and, in addition, to publish said proclamation, in one or more of the public newspapers printed in Boston, and in the district of Maine; copies of the same, duly authenticated, shall, as soon as can conveniently be done, after the making of the same, be transmitted to the office of the clerks of the courts of common pleas, in the several counties of the district of Maine, for public examination; and one such copy, at least, shall be transmitted to the convention of delegates hereinafter mentioned, when said convention shall be formed.

Choice of  
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to the  
convention.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That, if it shall be declared by said proclamation, that the said majority of fifteen hundred votes appeared by the said returns to be in favor of the separation of the said district, as aforesaid, the inhabitants of the several towns and districts, now entitled to send one or more representatives to the general court, and all other incorporated towns, shall, on the third Monday of September, next, assemble in town meeting, to be notified by warrant of the selectmen, and shall elect one or more delegates, not exceeding the number of representatives which such town is now entitled to, each town, however, to be at liberty to elect at least one, to meet delegates from other towns within the said district, in convention, for the purpose of forming a constitution or frame of government, for the said district. And, at such meeting of the said inhabitants, every person qualified

to vote for senators, shall have a right to vote in the choice of delegates. And the selectmen shall preside at such meeting, and shall, in open meeting, receive, sort, count and declare the votes, and the clerk shall make a record thereof, in presence of the selectmen, and in open meeting. And fair copies of the said record shall be attested by the selectmen and town clerk, and one such copy shall be delivered by the selectmen to each of the persons, duly elected a delegate.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That the persons, so elected delegates, shall meet in convention, at the court house in Portland, in the county of Cumberland, on the second Monday of October next, and they shall be the judges of the returns and elections of their own members, and may adjourn from time to time, and sixty of the persons elected shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; and the said delegates shall, as soon as may be, proceed to organize themselves in convention, by choosing a president, and such other officers as they may judge expedient, and establishing proper rules of proceedings; and it shall be the duty of the said convention, to apply to the congress of the United States, for its assent to be given, before the last day of January next, that the said district should be admitted into the Union, as a separate and independent state. And it shall also be the duty of the said convention, to form a constitution, or frame of government, for said new state, and to determine the style and title of the same; and such constitution, when adopted, and ratified by the people of said district, in the manner hereinafter mentioned, shall, from and after the fifteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty, the consent of the congress of the United States then being first had as aforesaid, be the constitution of said new state. And the said convention shall, as soon as may be, after having formed such constitution or frame of government, for such new state, cause the same to be published, and sent to the several towns, districts and plantations, within the said district of Maine; and there shall be a meeting of the inhabitants, in each of said towns, districts and plantations, to be called and warned by the selectmen and assessors, respectively, in due course of law, and on the day named by said convention; at which meeting every male inhabitant, having the personal qualifications, herein declared requisite in the election of delegates to said convention, shall have a right to vote; and the people, so assembled, shall give in their votes in writing, expressing their approbation or disapprobation of the constitution, so prepared and proposed by said convention. And the selectmen of the several towns, and the assessors of the several districts and plantations, respectively, shall preside at such meetings, and receive the votes of all the inhabitants duly qualified as aforesaid, and shall sort and count them in open meeting of the town, district or plantation; and the same shall be, then and there, recorded in the books of the town, district or plantation; and a fair copy of such record shall be attested by the selectmen or assessors, and the clerk of the town, district or plantation, respectively, and shall be, by the said selectmen or assessors, transmitted and delivered to the said convention, or to the president thereof for the time being, or to any committee appointed to receive the same, on or before the first day of January next; on which day, or within ten days thereafter, the said convention shall be in session, and shall receive and count all the votes returned, and declare and publish the result; and, if a majority of the votes so returned shall be in favor of the constitution proposed, as aforesaid, the said constitution shall go into operation, according to its own provisions; otherwise, the constitution of Massachusetts, with the addition of the terms and

Place of meeting of the convention; duty of the convention, and proceedings of the people relating thereto.



conditions herein provided, shall be, and be considered as the constitution of the said proposed state, in manner as hereafter provided. And, to the end that no period of anarchy may happen to the people of said proposed state, in case a new constitution shall not be so adopted and ratified by the people of said district of Maine, the present constitution of the commonwealth of Massachusetts, shall, with the terms and conditions aforesaid, and with the exception hereinafter made, be provisionally the constitution or frame of government for said district; except only such parts of said constitution of Massachusetts, as relate to the style or title of said state, or may be otherwise inconsistent with, or repugnant to the situation and condition of said new state; and except, that the people of said district shall choose in their senatorial districts, as now established, three times the number of senators now allowed them, and that the legislature shall choose such a number of councilors, not exceeding nine, as they shall determine to be proper. And the said convention shall designate the place for the first meeting of the legislature of said new state, and for the organization of its government, and shall appoint a secretary pro tempore, for said new state; and the said convention, shall regulate the pay of its members; and the person, authorized by said convention, may draw upon the treasury of the commonwealth for the amount of the pay roll, not, however, to exceed the amount of the money paid into the treasury by the several banks within said district, for the tax upon the same, due and payable on the first Monday of October next; and the sum or sums, so drawn for and paid out of the treasury, shall be a charge upon the new state, in the division of the property, provided for in the fourth article of the terms and conditions, stated in the first section of this act.

President of the convention shall have the power of governor until a governor is elected.

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That, until a governor of the proposed state shall be chosen and qualified according to the constitution, which may be in operation in said state, the person, last chosen president of the said convention, shall, from and after the fifteenth day of March next, have all the power of the governor and council under the constitution of Massachusetts, until a new governor shall be chosen and qualified in the said proposed state; excepting only that the said president shall not have the power to remove from office any officer, who may be duly qualified, and executing the duties of his office, according to the intent and meaning of this act.

And, in order that there may be no failure of justice, and that no danger may arise to the people of the said district of Maine, after the fifteenth day of March next, and before the government of the said state shall be duly organized; therefore,

Laws of the district remain in force, until repealed.

SEC. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That all the laws which shall be in force within said district of Maine, upon the said fifteenth day of March next, shall still remain and be in force, within the said proposed state, until altered or repealed by the government thereof, such parts only excepted, as may be inconsistent with the situation and condition of said new state, or repugnant to the constitution thereof. And all officers, who shall, on the said fifteenth day of March next, hold commissions, or exercise any authority within the said district of Maine, under the commonwealth of Massachusetts, or by virtue of the laws thereof, excepting only the governor, lieutenant governor and council, the members of the legislature, and the justices of the supreme judicial court of the said commonwealth of Massachusetts, shall continue to have, hold, use, exercise and enjoy all the powers and authority to them respectively granted or committed, until other persons shall be appointed in their stead, or until their respective offices shall be annulled by the government of said proposed state. And all courts of law, whatsoever, within

the said proposed state, excepting only the supreme judicial court, shall proceed to hear and determine all causes, matters and things, which are or may be commenced or depending before them, respectively, upon the said fifteenth day of March next, or at any time afterwards, and before the government of the said proposed state shall establish new courts within the same; and shall continue, from and after the said fifteenth day of March next, to exercise the like power and authority, and in like manner as they now by law may do, until such new courts shall be so established in their stead.

SEC. 7. *Be it further enacted*, That all actions, suits, and causes, civil and criminal, and all matters and things whatsoever, that shall, on the said fifteenth day of March next, be in any manner depending in the supreme judicial court of said commonwealth of Massachusetts, then last holden within any county in said district of Maine, and all writs, recognizances and other processes whatsoever, that may be then returnable to the said supreme judicial court, shall be respectively transferred, and returned to, have day in, and be heard, tried and determined in the highest court of law, that shall be established in the said new state, by the government thereof, and at the first term of such court, that shall be held within the county in which such action, writ, process, or other matter or thing, may be so pending or returnable. And, in all cases of appeals from any circuit court of common pleas, or probate or other court, which shall be made after the said fifteenth day of March next, in any action, cause, or suit whatsoever, and which would by law be made to the said supreme judicial court thereof, it shall be sufficient for the appellant to claim an appeal, without naming or designating the court appealed to; and such appeal shall be entered at the supreme or superior judicial court, or highest court of law, to be established by the government of said new state, which shall first thereafter be held within or for the county in which such action, cause or suit, may be pending, and shall there be heard, tried and determined, according to law.

Causes and suits in certain courts; appeal given to the supreme court of the new State.

*Provided however*, That nothing contained in this section shall be understood or construed to control, in any degree, the right of the people of the new state, or the government thereof, to establish judicial courts, in such manner, and with such authority as they shall see fit, nor to prevent the said people or their government from making any other provisions, pursuant to their constitution, and not repugnant to the terms and conditions above set forth, respecting all the said actions, suits, processes, matters and things, herein above mentioned, as they shall think most proper, to prevent the discontinuance thereof, and to avoid any delay or failure of justice.

Proviso.

[APPROVED, JUNE 19, 1819.]

# BOUNDARIES OF COUNTIES.

## AN ACT

PASSED BY THE GREAT AND GENERAL COURT OR ASSEMBLY OF  
HIS MAJESTY'S PROVINCE OF MASSACHUSETTS BAY

—IN—

## NEW ENGLAND.

An act for erecting and establishing two new counties in the easterly part of the county of York. [EXTRACT.]

Whereas the great extent of the county of York makes it convenient that two new counties should be erected and established in the easterly part thereof,

York county, divided; and new boundaries, established.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the lieutenant governor, council and house of representatives,* That the county of York aforesaid shall be, and it hereby is declared to be, bounded, on the east by a line to run from the sea northwesterly upon the easterly line of the township of Biddeford, as far as Narragansett, number one; from thence northeasterly on said Narragansett to the easternmost corner thereof; from thence northwesterly on said Narragansett to the northernmost corner thereof; from thence southwesterly on said Narragansett to Saco river; from thence up said Saco river as far as Pearsonstown extends thereon; and from thence to run north two degrees west on a true course as far as the utmost northern limits of this province; all the other boundary lines of said county to remain the same as heretofore.

Cumberland county, established; its boundaries, defined.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the westernmost of the two new counties aforesaid shall be, and it is hereby declared to be, bounded, on the west by the easterly line of the county of York above described; on the north by the utmost northern limits of this province; on the southeast by the sea or western ocean and by Casco bay; from the easterly point of which bay, viz.: from Smallpoint, the line shall run northwesterly upon said Casco bay to Newmeadows creek or river, and up said creek or river, as far as Stevens' carrying place at the head of said creek or river; thence across said carrying place to Merrymeeting bay and Androscoggin river; from thence it shall run up said Androscoggin river thirty miles; and from thence north two degrees west on a true course to the utmost northern limits of the province; including all the islands in Casco bay aforesaid, and on the sea coast of the said new county; and all the towns, districts and lands within the said bounds, together with the islands aforesaid, shall, from and after the first day of November, one thousand seven hundred and sixty, be and remain one entire and distinct county, by the name of Cumberland, of which Fal-mouth shall be the shire or county town; and the inhabitants of said county

of Cumberland shall have, use, exercise and enjoy all such powers, privileges and immunities, as, by law, the inhabitants of any other county within this province have, use, exercise and enjoy.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the most eastern county shall be bounded in the following manner; that is to say: on the west by the county of Cumberland aforesaid, on the east by the province of Nova Scotia, on the south and southeast by the sea or western ocean, and on the north by the utmost northern limits of this province; including all the islands to the eastward of the county of Cumberland aforesaid; and all the towns, districts and lands within said bounds, together with the islands aforesaid, shall, from and after the first day of November, one thousand seven hundred and sixty, be and remain one entire and distinct county by the name of Lincoln, of which Pownalborough shall be the shire or county town; and the inhabitants of the said county of Lincoln shall have, use, exercise and enjoy all such powers, privileges and immunities, as, by law, the inhabitants of any other county within this province have, use, exercise and enjoy.

Lincoln county, established; its boundaries, defined.

[PASSED, A. D. 1760.]

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## SELECTIONS AND EXTRACTS FROM UNREPEALED PUBLIC ACTS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

An act for erecting and establishing two new counties in the county of Lincoln, and declaring the boundaries of the county of Lincoln in future. [EXTRACT.]

Whereas the great extent of the county of Lincoln makes it convenient, that two new counties should be erected and established in the easterly part thereof.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, &c.*, That the county of Lincoln aforesaid, be and hereby is declared to be, bounded, easterly by a line beginning at Penobscot bay, in the boundary line between the town of Thomaston and the town of Camden; thence running northwesterly by the east line of Thomaston, Warren and Union, to the northeast corner of Union; thence north twenty-two degrees and one half of a degree east, until it intersects the north line of the Waldo patent; thence north to the highlands; all the other boundary lines of said county to remain the same as heretofore; *provided*, That no island, lying to the eastward of a line to be drawn due south from the most easterly part of the county of Lincoln, as declared to be bounded by this act, shall be considered as belonging to the said county of Lincoln.

Lincoln county, divided; and new boundaries, established.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the westernmost of the two new counties aforesaid, shall be, and it is hereby declared to be, bounded, westerly by the easterly line of the county of Lincoln above described; easterly by a line beginning at the bounds making the northeast corner of Goldsborough and southeast corner of township number seven; thence running northerly by the east line of number seven, and by the east line of number ten, to the southeast corner of township number sixteen; from thence due north to the highlands, including all the islands on the sea coast of the said new county, lying between lines drawn due south from the easterly part of the county of Lincoln, as before described, and the northeasterly corner of Goldsborough aforesaid; and all the towns, districts and lands within said bounds shall, from and after the first day of May, one thousand seven hundred and ninety, be and remain one entire and distinct county, by the name of Hancock, of which Penobscot shall be the shire or county town; and the inhabitants

Hancock county, established; its boundaries, defined.

of said county of Hancock shall have, use, exercise and enjoy all such powers, privileges, and immunities as by law the inhabitants of any other county, within this commonwealth, have, use, exercise and enjoy.

Washington county, established; its boundaries, defined.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the easternmost of the two new counties aforesaid shall be bounded in the following manner, viz.: westerly by the easterly line of the county of Hancock afore-described; on the south and southeast by the sea or western ocean; on the north by the utmost northern limits of this commonwealth; and easterly by the river St. Croix; comprehending all the lands within this commonwealth to the eastward of the line of the county of Hancock aforesaid, including all the islands on the sea coast of the said easternmost county; and all the towns, districts and lands within said bounds, together with the islands aforesaid, shall, from and after the first day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety, be and remain one entire and distinct county, by the name of Washington; of which Machias shall be the shire or county town. And the inhabitants of the said county of Washington shall have, use, exercise and enjoy, all such powers, privileges and immunities, as, by law, the inhabitants of any other county within this commonwealth, have, use, exercise and enjoy.

[PASSED, JUNE 25, 1789.]

An act setting off part of the county of Hancock, and annexing it to the county of Lincoln. [EXTRACT.]

Part of Hancock county, annexed to Lincoln county.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, &c.*, That all the lands contained within the following bounds, namely, beginning at Little Duck Trap, so called, thence running northwesterly on the northeasterly line of the town of Camden, to the northerly corner of said Camden; therein continuing on the same course with the northeasterly line of said Camden, until it intersects the dividing line between the counties of Lincoln and Hancock; thence running southerly to Union; thence southeasterly on the east line of Union, Warren and Thomaston, to Penobscot bay; thence northerly by said bay to Little Duck Trap, the first mentioned bound, with all the inhabitants thereon, shall be and hereby are set off from the county of Hancock, and annexed to the county of Lincoln.

[PASSED, MARCH 3, 1791.]

An act to divide the county of Lincoln, and to constitute the northerly part thereof a separate county, by the name of the county of Kennebec. [EXTRACT.]

Lincoln county, divided; and new boundaries established.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, &c.*, That the county of Lincoln shall be divided, by a line beginning on the westerly line of the county of Hancock, at a place from which a line running west northwest shall strike the northeasterly corner of the town of Harlem; from thence running southeasterly by the easterly line of said town to the southeasterly corner thereof; thence southwesterly on a straight line to the northeasterly corner of Pittston; thence by the easterly line of said Pittston to the southeasterly corner thereof; thence westerly by the southerly line of said Pittston to the southwesterly corner of said town last mentioned; thence northwesterly by the westerly line of said Pittston to the mouth of Purgatory stream, so called, which empties itself into the Cobbesecontee stream, so called; thence west northwest to the east line of the town of Monmouth; thence southerly by the east line of said Monmouth to the southeasterly corner thereof; thence westerly by the southerly line of said Monmouth to the westerly corner of said town; thence west to the

easterly line of the town of Greene; thence southerly by the easterly line of said Greene to the southeasterly corner thereof; and thence westerly by the southerly line of said Greene to Androscoggin river, or the dividing line between the counties of Cumberland and Lincoln; and the county of Lincoln aforesaid, be, and the same is hereby declared to be, bounded northerly and westerly by the line aforesaid.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That all and every part and parcel of the late county of Lincoln, situated on the northerly and westerly side of the aforesaid dividing line, and extending northerly and westerly, so as to comprehend all the territory lying between the counties of Cumberland and Hancock, and on the northerly and westerly side of the dividing line aforesaid, shall be, and the same hereby is formed and erected into an entire and distinct county by the name of Kennebec, of which Augusta shall be the shire or county town; And the inhabitants of the said county of Kennebec shall have and possess, use, exercise and enjoy all the powers, rights and immunities, which, by the constitution and laws of this Commonwealth, the inhabitants of any county within the same have, possess, use, exercise, enjoy and are entitled to.

Kennebec county established; its boundaries, defined.

[PASSED, FEBRUARY 21, 1799.]

An act to alter the line between the counties of Lincoln and Kennebec.

*Be it enacted, &c.,* That the limits of the said counties of Lincoln and Kennebec be, and they hereby are, so far changed and altered, as to include all the town of Litchfield, with the inhabitants, in the county of Lincoln, and that the land and inhabitants in the town of Litchfield, which are now included in the county of Kennebec, shall hereafter be subject to all duties and taxes, and possess all the privileges and rights, which the other land and inhabitants in said county of Lincoln possess.

Town of Litchfield, annexed to Lincoln county.

[PASSED, FEBRUARY 25, 1811.]

An act altering the line between the counties of Kennebec and Lincoln.

*Be it enacted, &c.,* That, from and after the passing of this act, the county line between the counties of Kennebec and Lincoln be, and it is hereby altered, so as to include the town of Malta wholly within the said county of Kennebec, and the town of Whitefield wholly within the said county of Lincoln.

Division line between Kennebec and Lincoln counties, altered.

[PASSED, FEBRUARY 29, 1812.]

An act to incorporate a part of the counties of York and Cumberland into a separate county by the name of Oxford. [EXTRACT.]

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, &c.,* That the counties of York and Cumberland shall be divided by a line, beginning at a place called the Crooked Ripples on Androscoggin river, at the southeast corner of the town of Turner; from thence to run westerly on the dividing line between the towns of Turner and Minot, to the most northeasterly corner of said town of Minot; from thence southwesterly on the line between the towns

Division line between York and Cumberland counties, altered.

of Minot and Hebron, to the southwesterly corner of said Hebron; thence northwesterly on the line between the towns of Hebron and Otisfield, to the town of Norway; thence westerly and northerly on the line between the towns of Otisfield and Norway to the southeasterly corner of the town of Waterford; thence westerly on the line between said Waterford and Otisfield, to the northeasterly corner of the town of Bridgton; thence westerly on the northerly line of said Bridgton to the northwest corner thereof; thence southerly on the westerly side line of said Bridgton, to the southwest corner thereof; thence westerly on the north line of the town of Baldwin and Prescott's grant, to Saco river; thence down the middle of said Saco river, to the mouth of the river called the great Ossipee; thence westerly by a line drawn on the middle of the river last mentioned, to the line of the state of New Hampshire; and the counties of York and Cumberland aforesaid be, and the same are hereby declared to be bounded northerly by the line aforesaid.

Oxford county, established; its boundaries, defined.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That all and every part and parcel of the late counties of York and Cumberland, situated on the northerly side of the line before described, and extending northerly and westerly, so as to comprehend all the territory lying between the state of New Hampshire and the county of Kennebec, and on the northerly side of the dividing line aforesaid, excepting the towns of Wilton, Temple, Avon, and township number three, on Sandy river, northerly of Avon, which towns shall be considered as belonging to the county of Kennebec, shall be, and the same is, hereby formed and erected into an entire and distinct county, by the name of Oxford, of which Paris shall be shire or county town; and the inhabitants of said county of Oxford shall hold, possess, use, exercise and enjoy all the powers, rights and immunities, which, by the constitution and laws of this commonwealth, the inhabitants of any county within the same do hold, possess, use, exercise, enjoy and are entitled to.

[PASSED, MARCH 4, 1805.]

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An act to divide the county of Kennebec, and to constitute the northerly part thereof into a county by the name of the county of Somerset. [EXTRACT.]

Kennebec county, divided; and new boundaries, established.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, &c.*, That the county of Kennebec shall be divided by a line, beginning on the westerly line of the county of Hancock, at the northeasterly corner of township number four, north of the Waldo Patent; thence running westerly on the northerly line of said township and the town of Unity, to the northwest corner of the town of Unity aforesaid; thence due west, to the easterly line of the town of Clinton; thence northerly by said Clinton, to the northeast corner thereof; thence westerly by the northerly line of Clinton, to Kennebec river; thence down the middle of said river, to the line between the towns of Waterville and Fairfield; thence westerly, between the towns last mentioned, to the southwesterly corner of said Fairfield; thence westerly on a straight line, to the southeasterly corner of the town of Mercer; thence westerly on the southerly line of said town of Mercer, to the easterly line of the town of New Sharon; thence northwesterly, on the northeasterly line of the town of New Sharon aforesaid, to the easterly line of the town of Farmington; thence northerly and westerly, on the easterly and northerly line of said town of Farmington, to the easterly line of the town of Temple; thence northerly and westerly, on the easterly and northerly line of the town of Temple, to the easterly line of the county of Oxford: and the bounds of the county by this act created,

on the east, shall be the line heretofore established between the counties of Hancock and Kennebec; and on the west, by the line between the counties of Kennebec and Oxford; and on the north, by the line on the high land; being the boundary between the district of Maine and the province of Lower Canada.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That all and every part and parcel of the late county of Kennebec, included within the lines before described, shall be, and the same is, hereby formed and erected into an entire and distinct county, by the name of Somerset; of which Norridgewock shall be the shire or county town. And the inhabitants of the said county of Somerset shall hold, possess, use, exercise and enjoy, all the powers, rights and immunities, which, by the constitution and laws of this commonwealth, the inhabitants of any county within the same do hold, possess, use, exercise, enjoy and are entitled to.

Somerset county, established; its boundaries, defined.

[PASSED, MARCH 1, 1809.]

An act to alter and establish a part of the line between the counties of Kennebec and Somerset.

*Be it enacted, &c.*, That, from and after the passing of this act, a part of the line between the counties of Kennebec and Somerset shall be as follows, viz.: beginning at the northwest corner of township number four, now Kingville, and running due west until it strikes the line of the town of Clinton, at a monument of stones there to be erected.

Division line between Somerset and Kennebec counties, altered.

[PASSED, FEBRUARY 26, 1813.]

An act to ascertain and establish a part of the west line of the county of Somerset, and for other purposes. [EXTRACT.]

*Be it enacted, &c.*, That, from and after the passing of this act, the west line of the tract of land, called Bingham's Tract or Patent, or otherwise called the Million Acres, lying on both sides of Kennebec river, until it intersects the north line of said Bingham's Tract, including the whole of said Million Acres, shall be, and hereby is established, and declared to be the west line of said county of Somerset.

Boundary of Somerset county, altered.

[PASSED, FEBRUARY 2, 1819.]

An act for dividing the county of Hancock, and establishing a new county by the name of Penobscot. [EXTRACT.]

*Be it enacted, &c.*, That all the territory in the county of Hancock which lies north of the Waldo Patent, on the west side of Penobscot river, and north and west of the following lines on the east side of said river: beginning at said river, at the south line of Orrington, thence running easterly, on the southerly lines of Orrington, Brewer, and the Gore east of Brewer, to the west line of the Bingham purchase: thence northerly by said Bingham purchase, to the northwest corner thereof: thence easterly on the north line of said Bingham purchase, to the county of Washington; be, and hereby is constituted a new county, by the name of Penobscot; whereof Bangor shall be the shire town, until otherwise ordered by the general court: and the inhabitants of said

Hancock county, divided; and new boundaries, established.

Penobscot county, established; its boundaries, defined.



of Minot and Hebron, to the southwesterly corner of said Hebron; thence northwesterly on the line between the towns of Hebron and Otisfield, to the town of Norway; thence westerly and northerly on the line between the towns of Otisfield and Norway to the southeasterly corner of the town of Waterford; thence westerly on the line between said Waterford and Otisfield, to the northeasterly corner of the town of Bridgton; thence westerly on the northerly line of said Bridgton to the northwest corner thereof; thence southerly on the westerly side line of said Bridgton, to the southwest corner thereof; thence westerly on the north line of the town of Baldwin and Prescott's grant, to Saco river; thence down the middle of said Saco river, to the mouth of the river called the great Ossipee; thence westerly by a line drawn on the middle of the river last mentioned, to the line of the state of New Hampshire; and the counties of York and Cumberland aforesaid be, and the same are hereby declared to be bounded northerly by the line aforesaid.

Oxford county, established; its boundaries, defined.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That all and every part and parcel of the late counties of York and Cumberland, situated on the northerly side of the line before described, and extending northerly and westerly, so as to comprehend all the territory lying between the state of New Hampshire and the county of Kennebec, and on the northerly side of the dividing line aforesaid, excepting the towns of Wilton, Temple, Avon, and township number three, on Sandy river, northerly of Avon, which towns shall be considered as belonging to the county of Kennebec, shall be, and the same is, hereby formed and erected into an entire and distinct county, by the name of Oxford, of which Paris shall be shire or county town; and the inhabitants of said county of Oxford shall hold, possess, use, exercise and enjoy all the powers, rights and immunities, which, by the constitution and laws of this commonwealth, the inhabitants of any county within the same do hold, possess, use, exercise, enjoy and are entitled to.

[PASSED, MARCH 4, 1805.]

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An act to divide the county of Kennebec, and to constitute the northerly part thereof into a county by the name of the county of Somerset. [EXTRACT.]

Kennebec county, divided; and new boundaries, established.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, &c.,* That the county of Kennebec shall be divided by a line, beginning on the westerly line of the county of Hancock, at the northeasterly corner of township number four, north of the Waldo Patent; thence running westerly on the northerly line of said township and the town of Unity, to the northwest corner of the town of Unity aforesaid; thence due west, to the easterly line of the town of Clinton; thence northerly by said Clinton, to the northeast corner thereof; thence westerly by the northerly line of Clinton, to Kennebec river; thence down the middle of said river, to the line between the towns of Waterville and Fairfield; thence westerly, between the towns last mentioned, to the southwesterly corner of said Fairfield; thence westerly on a straight line, to the southeasterly corner of the town of Mercer; thence westerly on the southerly line of said town of Mercer, to the easterly line of the town of New Sharon; thence northwesterly, on the northeasterly line of the town of New Sharon aforesaid, to the easterly line of the town of Farmington; thence northerly and westerly, on the easterly and northerly line of said town of Farmington, to the easterly line of the town of Temple; thence northerly and westerly, on the easterly and northerly line of the town of Temple, to the easterly line of the county of Oxford: and the bounds of the county by this act created,

on the east, shall be the line heretofore established between the counties of Hancock and Kennebec; and on the west, by the line between the counties of Kennebec and Oxford; and on the north, by the line on the high land; being the boundary between the district of Maine and the province of Lower Canada.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That all and every part and parcel of the late county of Kennebec, included within the lines before described, shall be, and the same is, hereby formed and erected into an entire and distinct county, by the name of Somerset; of which Norridgewock shall be the shire or county town. And the inhabitants of the said county of Somerset shall hold, possess, use, exercise and enjoy, all the powers, rights and immunities, which, by the constitution and laws of this commonwealth, the inhabitants of any county within the same do hold, possess, use, exercise, enjoy and are entitled to.

Somerset county, established; its boundaries, defined.

[PASSED, MARCH 1, 1809.]

An act to alter and establish a part of the line between the counties of Kennebec and Somerset.

*Be it enacted, &c.*, That, from and after the passing of this act, a part of the line between the counties of Kennebec and Somerset shall be as follows, viz.: beginning at the northwest corner of township number four, now Kingville, and running due west until it strikes the line of the town of Clinton, at a monument of stones there to be erected.

Division line between Somerset and Kennebec counties, altered.

[PASSED, FEBRUARY 26, 1813.]

An act to ascertain and establish a part of the west line of the county of Somerset, and for other purposes. [EXTRACT.]

*Be it enacted, &c.*, That, from and after the passing of this act, the west line of the tract of land, called Bingham's Tract or Patent, or otherwise called the Million Acres, lying on both sides of Kennebec river, until it intersects the north line of said Bingham's Tract, including the whole of said Million Acres, shall be, and hereby is established, and declared to be the west line of said county of Somerset.

Boundary of Somerset county, altered.

[PASSED, FEBRUARY 2, 1819.]

An act for dividing the county of Hancock, and establishing a new county by the name of Penobscot. [EXTRACT.]

*Be it enacted, &c.*, That all the territory in the county of Hancock which lies north of the Waldo Patent, on the west side of Penobscot river, and north and west of the following lines on the east side of said river: beginning at said river, at the south line of Orrington, thence running easterly, on the southerly lines of Orrington, Brewer, and the Gore east of Brewer, to the west line of the Bingham purchase: thence northerly by said Bingham purchase, to the northwest corner thereof: thence easterly on the north line of said Bingham purchase, to the county of Washington; be, and hereby is constituted a new county, by the name of Penobscot; whereof Bangor shall be the shire town, until otherwise ordered by the general court: and the inhabitants of said

Hancock county, divided; and new boundaries, established.

Penobscot county, established; its boundaries, defined.

county of Penobscot shall have and possess, use and enjoy all the powers, rights and immunities, which, by the constitution and laws of this commonwealth, any other inhabitants are entitled to.

[PASSED, FEBRUARY 15, 1816.]

SELECTIONS AND EXTRACTS FROM UNREPEALED AND  
UNREVISED PUBLIC ACTS OF THE STATE OF MAINE.

An act establishing the county of Waldo. [EXTRACT.]

Waldo county, established; its boundaries, defined. 1827, c. 354, § 1.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, &c.*, That, from and after the third day of July next, all that portion of the present territory of the county of Hancock, which lies westward of the Penobscot bay and river, with the town of Islesborough, in said county, and the towns of Camden, Hope, Montville and Palermo, and the plantations of Appleton and Montville in the county of Lincoln, and the towns of Freedom, Unity, Montgomery and Burnham, in the county of Kennebec, be, and hereby are constituted and made a county, by the name of Waldo, whereof Belfast shall be the shire town; and the inhabitants of said territory, towns and plantations, from and after the said third day of July, shall have and possess, use and enjoy all the powers, rights, privileges and immunities, and be subject to all the duties, which, by the constitution and laws of the state, are granted to and imposed upon the inhabitants of other counties.

[APPROVED, FEBRUARY 7, 1827.]

An act explanatory of the act establishing the county of Waldo.

Town of Liberty, included in Waldo county. 1827, c. 362.

*Be it enacted, &c.*, That the Plantation heretofore known by the name of Montville plantation, and so described in the act, passed at the present session, establishing the county of Waldo, be, and the same hereby is, and shall be hereafter considered to be, that portion of the territory of the county of Lincoln which is now incorporated as a town by the name of Liberty: and that said town of Liberty is intended by said act to be, and henceforth shall be a portion of the territory of and included within the limits of said county of Waldo.

[APPROVED, FEBRUARY 17, 1827.]

An act additional to an act entitled "an act establishing the county of Waldo."  
[EXTRACT.]

Boundaries of Waldo county, further defined. 1828, c. 372, § 1.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, &c.*, That, from and after the passage of this act, the dividing line between the counties of Hancock and Waldo shall be the middle of the channel of the Penobscot river and bay, commencing in the middle of said river at the northerly line of said county of Waldo, and descending the same, leaving Orphan Island on the east and Islesborough on the west, till it intersects a line drawn due east from the southern corner of said county of Waldo.

[APPROVED, JANUARY 22, 1828.]

An act altering the division line between the counties of Hancock and Washington.

*Be it enacted, &c.*, That, from and after the passage of this act, the division line between the counties of Hancock and Washington be, and hereby is established, as follows, to wit: beginning at the southeast corner of township numbered sixteen, thence northerly on the line dividing townships numbered sixteen and seventeen, twenty-two and twenty-three, twenty-eight and twenty-nine, to the northeast corner of township numbered twenty-eight; thence easterly on the line dividing townships numbered twenty-nine and thirty-five, to the southeast corner of the last-mentioned township; thence northerly on the line dividing the townships numbered thirty-five and thirty-six, forty-one and forty-two, four and five, to the north line of the Bingham purchase: and said line is hereby declared to be the true boundary line, so far as it extends, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Division line between Hancock and Washington counties, altered.  
Special laws, 1831, c. 154.

[APPROVED, MARCH 17, 1831.]

An act to annex the town of Corinna to the county of Penobscot. [EXTRACT.]

*Be it enacted, &c.*, That the town of Corinna, in the county of Somerset, be, and the same hereby is, set off from the county of Somerset, and annexed to, and made part of the county of Penobscot.

Town of Corinna, annexed to Penobscot county.  
Special laws, 1833, c. 314.

[APPROVED, FEBRUARY 10, 1833.]

1858, c. 198, special.

An act to annex the town of Litchfield to the county of Kennebec. [EXTRACT.]

*Be it enacted, &c.*, That the town of Litchfield, in the county of Lincoln, be, and the same hereby is, set off from said county of Lincoln, and annexed to, and made part of the county of Kennebec.

Town of Litchfield, annexed to Kennebec county.  
Special laws, 1835, c. 553.

[APPROVED, MARCH 10, 1835.]

An act to annex the town of Wales to the county of Kennebec. [EXTRACT.]

*Be it enacted, &c.*, That the town of Wales, in the county of Lincoln, be, and the same hereby is, set off from the said county of Lincoln, and annexed to, and made part of the county of Kennebec.

Town of Wales, annexed to Kennebec county.  
1840, c. 5.

[APPROVED, JANUARY 27, 1840.]

An act establishing the county of Franklin. [EXTRACT.]

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, &c.*, That, from and after the date of the proclamation of the governor as is hereinafter provided, the towns of New Sharon, Chesterville, Wilton, Temple, and Farmington, in the county of Kennebec; and Jay, Carthage, Weld, Berlin, Madrid, townships numbered six, Letter E and D, in the county of Oxford; thence extending northerly from the northwest corner of letter D, on the line betwixt townships numbered three and four, through the several ranges of townships to Canada line, so as to include three tiers of townships west of the west line of the Bingham purchase in said county of Oxford; and Industry, New Vineyard, Strong, Avon, Phillips, Freeman, Salem, Kingfield, townships numbered four in the first range west of Kingfield,

Franklin county, established; its boundaries, defined.  
1838, c. 328, § 1.

three and four in the second range, and the south half of township numbered four in the third range of the Bingham purchase in the county of Somerset, be and hereby are constituted and made a county by the name of Franklin, whereof Farmington shall be the shire town; and the inhabitants of said territory, towns and plantations, from and after the date of the proclamation of the governor, as is hereinafter provided, shall have and possess, use and enjoy, all the powers, rights, privileges and immunities, and be subject to all the duties, which, by the constitution and laws of this state, are granted to and imposed upon the inhabitants of other counties.

[APPROVED, MARCH 20, 1838.]

An act establishing the county of Piscataquis. [EXTRACT.]

Piscataquis county, established; its boundaries, defined. 1838, c. 355, § 1.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, &c.*, That, from and after the last day of April next, all that portion of territory lying north of the south lines of Parkman and Wellington, in the county of Somerset, and lying north of the north lines of the towns of Dexter, Garland, Charleston, Bradford, and south line of Kilmarnock, in the county of Penobscot; and bounded east by the east lines of Milton, Kilmarnock, and townships numbered four, in the eighth and ninth ranges; and thence bounded east by a line running north, from the northeast corner of said township, numbered four in the ninth range, to the north line of the state; and bounded on the west by the west lines of Wellington, Kingsbury, Shirley, and township number two, in the fifth range; and thence bounded west by a line running north, from the northwest corner of said township number two, to the Kennebec river; thence up and by the southerly bank of said river to Moose Head lake; thence bounded westerly by the westerly margin of said lake, to the northwest angle of said lake—and thence bounded west by a line running north to the north line of the state—be and the same is hereby constituted and made a county, by the name of Piscataquis; and the inhabitants of said territory, from and after the last day of April next, shall have, possess, use and enjoy, all the powers, rights and immunities, and be subject to all the duties, which, by the constitution and laws of the state, are granted and imposed upon the inhabitants of other counties.

Dover, the shire town. 1838, c. 355, § 2.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That Dover shall be the shire town of said county of Piscataquis.

[APPROVED, MARCH 23, 1838.]

An act additional to the several acts establishing the county of Piscataquis.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled*, as follows:

Prisoners in Piscataquis county may be committed to jail in Penobscot county. 1880, c. 196, § 1.

SEC. 1. All officers within and for the county of Piscataquis, having authority to commit any prisoner or debtor to jail, shall be authorized and required for the term of ten years from and after the passage of this act, if the county of Piscataquis shall so long remain without a jail within its own limits, to commit prisoners or debtors to the jail in the county of Penobscot, in the same manner and with as ample authorization as like officers in said county of Penobscot are by law authorized and required to do; and the keeper of the jail in said county of Penobscot is hereby authorized and required to receive and

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detain in his custody all such prisoners and debtors. *Provided, however,* that the county of Piscataquis shall be liable to the county of Penobscot for all expenses and damages which shall accrue from any and all such commitments; and provided, also, that in case of disagreement between the boards of county commissioners of said counties, as to compensation to be received by said county of Penobscot for the use of its jail as aforesaid, any judge of the supreme judicial court shall, upon written application of either board, after notice and hearing, fix said compensation, and his determination shall be final and conclusive in the premises.

SEC. 2. All acts and doings of officers of the county of Piscataquis since February four, eighteen hundred and eighty, in committing prisoners and debtors to the jail in Penobscot county, and all acts and doings of the keeper of said jail in the county of Penobscot, in receiving and detaining said prisoners and debtors, which are in other respects legal, are hereby made as valid and legal as they would have been if performed at any time during the previous five years.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect when approved.

[APPROVED, MARCH 5, 1880.]

—proviso.  
—expenses of commitments shall be paid by Piscataquis county.  
—compensation for use of jail, how to be adjusted.

Doings of officers of both counties, made valid. 1880, c. 196, § 2.

An act to establish the line between the counties of Somerset and Piscataquis.

*Be it enacted, &c.,* as follows:

The division line between the counties of Somerset and Piscataquis, is hereby established as follows:—beginning at the southwest corner of the town of Wellington, thence running northerly, following the west lines of the towns of Wellington, Kingsbury, Blanchard and Shirley, and townships number three in the fifth range, and number two in the sixth range, to the Kennebec river; thence up and by the southerly bank of said river to Moosehead lake; thence northerly by the westerly margin of said lake to the easterly line of township W; thence northerly along the easterly line of township W and Seboomook township, to the northeast corner of said Seboomook township; thence westerly along its northerly line till it strikes the division line between said fifteenth and sixteenth ranges of townships west from the east line of the state; thence north on the division line between said fifteenth and sixteenth ranges to the southerly line of the county of Aroostook.

Division line between Somerset and Piscataquis counties, altered. 1883, c. 210.

[APPROVED, MARCH 13, 1883.]

An act to establish the county of Aroostook. [EXTRACT.]

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, &c.,* That, from and after the first day of May next, all that part of the state lying north of the north line of the fourth range of townships, north of the lottery townships, and east of the dividing line between ranges five and six, west of the east line of the state, and of a line from the north termination of the said dividing line, and running the same course, to the north line of the state, be and is hereby constituted and made a county by the name of Aroostook, whereof Houlton shall be the shire town; and the inhabitants of the before described territory, from and after the first day of May next, shall have and possess, use and enjoy, all the powers, rights, privileges and immunities, and be subject to all the duties, which, by the constitu-

Aroostook county, established; its boundaries, defined. 1839, c. 395, § 1.

tion and laws of the state, are granted to and imposed upon the inhabitants of other counties.

[APPROVED, MARCH 16, 1839.]

An act setting off the northerly part of the county of Penobscot and annexing the same to the county of Aroostook.

Part of Penobscot county, annexed to Aroostook county.  
1843, c. 15.

*Be it enacted, &c.*, All the lands in the county of Penobscot, lying north of townships numbered eight in the sixth range, eight in the seventh range, and eight in the eighth range of townships west from the east line of the state, with all the inhabitants thereon, shall be and hereby are set off from the county of Penobscot, and annexed to the county of Aroostook.

[APPROVED, MARCH 21, 1843.]

An act to divide the town of Livermore and incorporate the easterly part thereof into a town by the name of East Livermore, and annex the same to Kennebec county. [EXTRACT.]

Town of Livermore, divided.  
Special laws, 1843, c. 97, § 1.

*Be it enacted, &c.*, SEC. 1. All that part of the town of Livermore in the county of Oxford, on the east side of the Androscoggin river, is hereby set off and incorporated into a town by the name of East Livermore.

East Livermore, set off to Kennebec county.  
Special laws, 1843, c. 97, § 3.

SEC. 3. Said town of East Livermore, from and after the first of March, A. D. 1844, shall be annexed to and be a part of the county of Kennebec.

[APPROVED, MARCH 20, 1843.]

An act altering the division lines between the counties of Hancock and Washington; between Penobscot and Washington; Penobscot, Piscataquis and Aroostook; and between Piscataquis and Somerset.

Boundaries of Hancock and Washington counties, altered.  
1844, c. 99, § 1.

*Be it enacted, &c.*, SEC. 1. The division line between the counties of Hancock and Washington is hereby established as follows: Beginning at the southeast corner of township numbered seven, in the south division of Bingham's Penobscot purchase, and the northeast corner of the town of Gouldsborough; thence southeasterly and southerly, in the principal or middle channel of Gouldsborough harbor, to the Atlantic ocean.

Division line between Washington and Penobscot counties, altered.  
1844, c. 99, § 2.

SEC. 2. The division line between the counties of Penobscot and Washington is hereby established as follows: Beginning in the line of the county of Penobscot, as now established in the northerly line of Bingham's Penobscot purchase; thence running easterly in the north line of said purchase, to the westerly line of township numbered six, in the first range north of said purchase; thence northerly in the line dividing five and six in the first range, six and seven in the second range, seven and eight in the third range, and seven and eight in the fourth range, to the southerly line of Aroostook county.

Division line between Penobscot and Piscata-

SEC. 3. That part of the dividing line between Penobscot and Piscataquis, north of township numbered four, in the ninth range, north of the Waldo patent, shall be established as follows: Beginning in the

east line of the county of Piscataquis, at the northeast corner of said township; thence westerly on the north line of said township, to the east line of township B, in the tenth range of townships west from the east line of the state; thence north on the line between the ninth and tenth ranges of townships, until it strikes the west line of Indian township number four, (or the west upper Indian township): thence along said west line to the northwest corner of said Indian township; thence easterly on the northerly line of said Indian township, to the southeast corner of township numbered one, in the ninth range; thence north on the line dividing the eighth and ninth ranges of townships, to the northwest corner of township numbered eight, range eight.

quis counties,  
altered.  
1844, c. 99, § 3.

SEC. 4. The division line between the counties of Piscataquis and Somerset is hereby established as follows: Beginning in the west line of Piscataquis county, in the southerly line of township W, at the head of Moosehead lake; thence along its southerly line, easterly to its easterly line; thence northerly along its easterly line to the northerly line thereof, and along the easterly line of Seboomook township, to its northeasterly corner; thence westerly along its northerly line, till it strikes the division line between the fifteenth and sixteenth ranges of townships west of the east line of the state; thence north in the division line between the fifteenth and sixteenth ranges of townships, to the northwest corner of township numbered eight, in the fifteenth range west from the east line of the state; thence same course north to the line of the county of Aroostook, as established by section five of this act.

Division line  
between Pis-  
cataquis and  
Somerset  
counties,  
altered.  
1844, c. 99, § 4.

SEC. 5. The dividing line between the counties of Aroostook and Piscataquis and Aroostook and Somerset, shall be as follows: Beginning at the northwest corner of township number eight, in the eighth range of townships west from the east line of the state; thence north to a point due west from the northwest corner of township numbered ten, in the seventh range of townships west from the east line of the state; thence west to the west line of the state.

Division line  
between  
Aroostook,  
Piscataquis  
and Somer-  
set counties,  
altered.  
1844, c. 99, § 5.

SEC. 6. This act shall be in force from and after its approval by the governor.

[APPROVED, MARCH 12, 1844.]

An act to establish the county of Androscoggin. [EXTRACT.]

SEC. 1. The towns of Lewiston, Lisbon and Webster, in the county of Lincoln; Auburn, Danville, Durham, Minot and Poland, in the county of Cumberland; Livermore and Turner, in the county of Oxford; and East Livermore, Green, Leeds and Wales, in the county of Kennebec, are hereby constituted a county by the name of Androscoggin; the permanent shire town thereof shall be Lewiston, Auburn or Danville, to be determined as hereinafter provided; and the county buildings shall be located within the limits of the Lewiston Falls Village Corporation; and said county shall have and possess, use and enjoy, all the powers, rights, privileges and immunities, and be subject to all the duties, which, by the constitution and laws of this state, are granted to and imposed upon the inhabitants of other counties.

Androscog-  
gin county,  
established;  
what towns  
are included  
within its  
limits.  
1854, c. 60, § 1.

[APPROVED, MARCH 18, 1854.]

[NOTE. Pursuant to the provisions of section twelve of the act from which the foregoing is an extract, Auburn, by a vote of the people and proclamation of the governor thereon, was established the shire town of the county of Androscoggin.]

—Auburn,  
the shire  
town.



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[APPENDIX.]

An act to establish the county of Sagadahoc. [EXTRACT.]

Sagadahoc  
county, estab-  
lished; what  
towns are in-  
cluded within  
its limits.  
1854, c. 70, § 1.

SEC. 1. The towns of Arrowsic, Bowdoin, Bowdoinham, Georgetown, Woolwich, Perkins, Phipsburg, Richmond, Topsham, West Bath, and the city of Bath, all in the county of Lincoln, be and the same are hereby constituted and made a county by the name of Sagadahoc, whereof the shire town shall be as hereinafter provided; and the inhabitants of said territory shall have, possess, use and enjoy, all the powers, rights and immunities, and be subject to all the duties, which, by the constitution and laws of the state, are granted to and imposed upon the inhabitants of other counties.

[APPROVED, APRIL 4, 1854.]

—Bath, the  
shire town.

[NOTE. Pursuant to the provisions of section eighteen of the act from which the foregoing is an extract, Bath, by vote of the people and proclamation of the governor thereon, was established the shire town of the county of Sagadahoc.]

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An act to establish the county of Knox. [EXTRACT.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:*

Knox county,  
established.  
1860, c. 146, § 1.

SEC. 1. The towns of Appleton, Camden, Hope, North Haven, and Vinalhaven, in the county of Waldo, and Cushing, Friendship, Rockland, South Thomaston, St. George, Thomaston, Union, Warren and Washington, the plantations of Martinicus and of Muscle Ridge, in the county of Lincoln, are constituted a county by the name of Knox, which shall have all the powers, privileges and immunities, and be subject to all the duties and obligations of other counties in the state by the constitution and laws thereof. The shire town of the county of Knox shall be Rockland.

[APPROVED, MARCH 5, 1860.]

—Rockland,  
the shire  
town.