

State of Maine

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Portland Wednesday May 31. 1820

This being the day designated by the Constitution of the State of Maine for the assembling of the first Legislature thereof, the following gentlemen being regularly returned as Senators appeared in the Senate Chamber at 11 o'clock A.M.

By From the County of York

Hon. William Moody

" Josiah W. Peavoy

" John M. Donald

From the County of Cumberland

Hon. Joseph C. Foxcroft

From the County of Lincoln

Hon. Nathaniel Green

From the County of Hancock

Hon. Andrew William

From the County of Washington

Hon. Jeremiah C. Brien

From the County of Kennebeck

Hon. John Chandler

" Joshua Gage

" Timothy Bantlett

From the County of Essex

Hon. Samuel Smith

" James M. Ripley

From the County of Somerset

Hon. John Moore

" William Kendall

From the County of Penobscot

Hon. William D. Williamson

At 1/2 past eleven o'clock the President of the Convention, accompanied by the Secretary & Treasurer, pro tempore, & attended by the Sheriff of Cumberland, ^{came up to the Senate Chamber} and the gentlemen a fore named took and subscribed the oaths prescribed by the Constitution to qualify them to discharge the duties of their office.

The President of the Convention having retired the Members of the Senate proceeded to the choice of a President, upon which receiving, sorting & counting the votes they were found President as follows viz. Whole number Fifteen

How John Chandler had Fourteen & was chosen

The Hon. Mr. Chandler addressed the Senate expressing his grateful sense of the honor conferred, accepted & took the chair

The Senate then proceeded to the choice of a Secretary & upon receiving, sorting and counting the votes it appeared that Ebenezer Herrick ^{Esq.} was unanimously chosen

Mr. Herrick being notified of his election appeared in the Senate ^{Chamber} signified his acceptance of the office, & took & subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him to discharge ~~the duties~~

The Hon. Mr. Williamson was charged with a message to the sent down Hon. House to acquaint them that the Hon. John Chandler was chosen President & Ebenezer Herrick ^{Esq.} Secretary of the Senate.

The Hon. Mr. Moody was charged with a like message to the President of the Convention

The Secretary of State for New Hampshire came in & laid upon the table the returns of votes by the several Towns & Plantations in this State for Governor & Senators.

Resolved, That the Hon. Messrs. Williamson, Boutwell, Green, Ripley & Vosecraft be a committee to receive & examine the votes given in the several towns & plantations in this State for Senators and to report thereon, who appear to be elected agreeably to the Constitution and what vacancies exist, and who are the constitutional candidates to fill the same.

Resolved that the Messrs. Moody, Gage, Otis, & Green with such Com^{rs} on votes as the Hon. House may join be a committee to receive, sort & count the votes given in the several towns & plantations in this State for Governor

sent down for concurrence.

Same up concurred & Messrs. Emery of Portland, Vose of Augusta, McArthur of Parsonfield, Abbott of Castine & Robbins of Green are joined

Col. Reed of Maldenborough came up with a message informing the Senate that the House of Representatives was

organized, I have chosen the Hon. Benjamin Ames Speaker and
James L. Childs Esq. Clerk of the same. 3

The Legislature being organized the President of the Convention
accompanied by the Treasurer, & Secretary of State pro tem.
Legislature and attended by the Sheriff of Cumberland and also an accompa-
attend nish by the two Branches of the Legislature proceeded to the Meet-
dwine ing House of the First Parish in Portland, where the Throne of
Service Grace was addressed by the Rev. Mr. Nichols agreeably to the appoint-
ment of the Convention which formed the Constitution of the State.
After which the Senate returned to the Senate Chamber & adjourned
until the afternoon.

Afternoon.
Met according to adjournment, & adjourned until to mor-
row morning at 9 o'clock.