State of Maine

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
  " Joseph M. Peabody
  " John A. Demling

By from the County of Cumberland

Hon. Joseph H. Powers

By from the County of Lincoln

Hon. Nathaniel Price

By from the County of Hancock

Hon. Andrew Mitchell

By from the County of Washington

Hon. Jeremiah S. Bingham

By from the County of Kennebec

Hun. Caleb Chandler
  " Joshua Gage
  " Henry Bartlett

By from the County of Oxford

Hon. Samuel Small
  " James Mt. Ripley

By from the County of Somerset

Hon. John Moore
  " Nathan Hillsdale

By from the County of Penobscot

Hun. William D. Williamson

By the joint order of the Senate, the President of the Senate, accompanied by the Secretary of Treasury, proceeded, & attended by the Sheriff of Cumberland, and the gentlemen a for named to take and subscribe the oath 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, whom receiving, sorting & counting the votes they were found to be as follows: viz. 16 votes for
President
15 votes for
Secretary
14 votes for

Now the President was fourteen & was chosen.
The Hon. Mr. Williamson seconded the Senate expressing his great sense of the honor conferred, and asked to take the chair.
The Senate then proceeded to the choice of a Secretary & where receiving, sorting & counting the votes it appeared that Thomas P. Ferrick was unanimously chosen.

Mr. Ferrick having notified his election appeared in the Senate Chamber and signified his acceptance of the office. He took & subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him to discharge his duties.
The Hon. Mr. Williamson was charged with a message to the House, to acquaint them that the Hon. Mr. Williamson was chosen President & the Hon. Mr. Ferrick Secretary of the Senate.

The Hon. Mr. Money was charged with a like message to the President of the Convention.
The Secretary of State for Virginia came in & took upon the ballot the votes of 17 by the several Towns & Plantations in this State for Governor & Senators.

Resolved, That the Hon. Mr. Williamson, Senator from Augusta, be a committee to receive & examine the votes of the several Towns & Plantations in this State for Senators on this day, and to report those who appear to be elected agreeably to the Constitution, and that a committee of five shall be the committee to fill the same.

Resolved, That the Hon. Mr. Money, Gage, Robson & Green with two common votes as the House, may join in a committee to receive, sort & count the votes given by the several Towns & Plantations in this State for Governor & Senators.

The Governor

Said the Governor, that the Senate, being concurred & the Hon. Mr. Williamson, of Augusta, Messrs. Robson, of Green & Gage, with two common votes, as the House, may join in a committee to receive, sort & count the votes given by the several Towns & Plantations in this State for Governor & Senators
organized those chosen the Hon. Benjamin Ames Speaker and
James L. Blake Clerk of the same.

The Legislature being organized, the President of the Senate
was accompanied by the Treasurer, Secretary of State, &c. who
attended and was escorted by the Sheriffs of Cumberland and also
assisted by the Two Branches of the Legislature proceeded to the Meets
ing-House of the First Parish in Portland, where the Ceremony of
Grace was administered by the Rev. Mr. Widener, agreeably to the appoin-
tments of the Convention which formed the Constitution of the State.

After which the Senate returned to the Senate Chamber & adjourned
until the afternoon.

Afternoon.

At 5 according to the announced, I adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.