

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.

Viz. from the County of York

Hon. William Moody

" Josiah W. Seaver

" John McDonald

From the County of Cumberland

Hon. Joseph E. Foxcroft

From the County of Lincoln

Hon. Nathaniel Green

From the County of Hancock

Hon. Andrew Witham

From the County of Washington

Hon. Jeremiah O'Brien

From the County of Kennebeck

Hon. John Chandler

" Joshua Gage

" Timothy Boutelle

From the County of Oxford

Hon. Samuel Small

" James W. 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 County came into the Senate Chamber and the gentlemen afore named took and subscribed the oaths prescribed by the Constitution to qualify them to discharge the duties of their office.

Choice of President	<p>The President of the Convention having retired the Members of the Senate proceeded to the choice of a President when upon receiving, sorting &amp; counting the votes they were found as follows viz. whole number fifteen</p> <p>Hon. John Chandler had fourteen &amp; was chosen</p>
Choice of Secretary	<p>The Hon. Mr Chandler addressed the Senate expressing his grateful sense of the honor conferred, accepted &amp; took the chair</p> <p>The Senate then proceeded to the choice of a Secretary &amp; upon receiving, sorting &amp; counting the votes it appeared that Ebenezer Herrick Esq. was unanimously chosen.</p>
Message sent down	<p>Mr Herrick being notified of this election appeared in the Senate Chamber signified his acceptance of the office &amp; took &amp; subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him to discharge its duties</p>
Message sent down_	<p>The Hon. Mr. Williamson was charged with a message to the Hon. House to acquaint them that the Hon. John Chandler was chosen President &amp; Ebenezer Herrick Esq. Secretary of the Senate.</p>
Votes laid on table	<p>The Hon. Mr. Moody was charged with a like message to the President of the Convention</p>
Committee on votes for Senators	<p>The Secretary of State pro Tempore came in &amp; laid upon the table the returns of votes by several Towns &amp; Plantations in the State for Governor &amp; Senators.</p> <p>Ordered, that the Hon. Messrs. Williamson, Boutelle, Seaver, Ripley &amp; Foxcroft be a committee to receive &amp; examine the votes given in the several towns &amp; 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.</p>
Com" on votes for Governor	<p>Ordered, that the Messrs. Moody, Gage, O'Brien &amp; Green with such as the Hon. House may join be a committee to receive, sort &amp; count the votes given in the several towns &amp; plantations in this State for Governor.</p>
Message came up	<p>Sent down for concurrence.</p> <p>Came up concurred &amp; Messrs Emery of Portland, Vose of Augusta, McIntire of Parsonsfield, Abbot of Castine &amp; Robins of Green are joined.</p> <p>Col. Reed of Waldoborough came up with a message informing the Senate that the House of Representatives was</p>

organized & have chosen the Hon. Benjamin Ames Speaker and James L. Child Esq Clerk of the same.

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The Legislature being organized the President of the Convention accompanied by the Treasurer and Secretary of State pro tem. and attended by the Sheriff of Cumberland and also accompanied by the two Branches of the Legislature proceeded to the Meeting House of the First Parish in Portland when the throne of grace was addressed by the Rev. Mr. Nichols agreeably to the appointment 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 tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.