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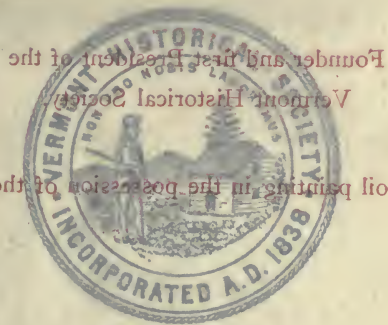
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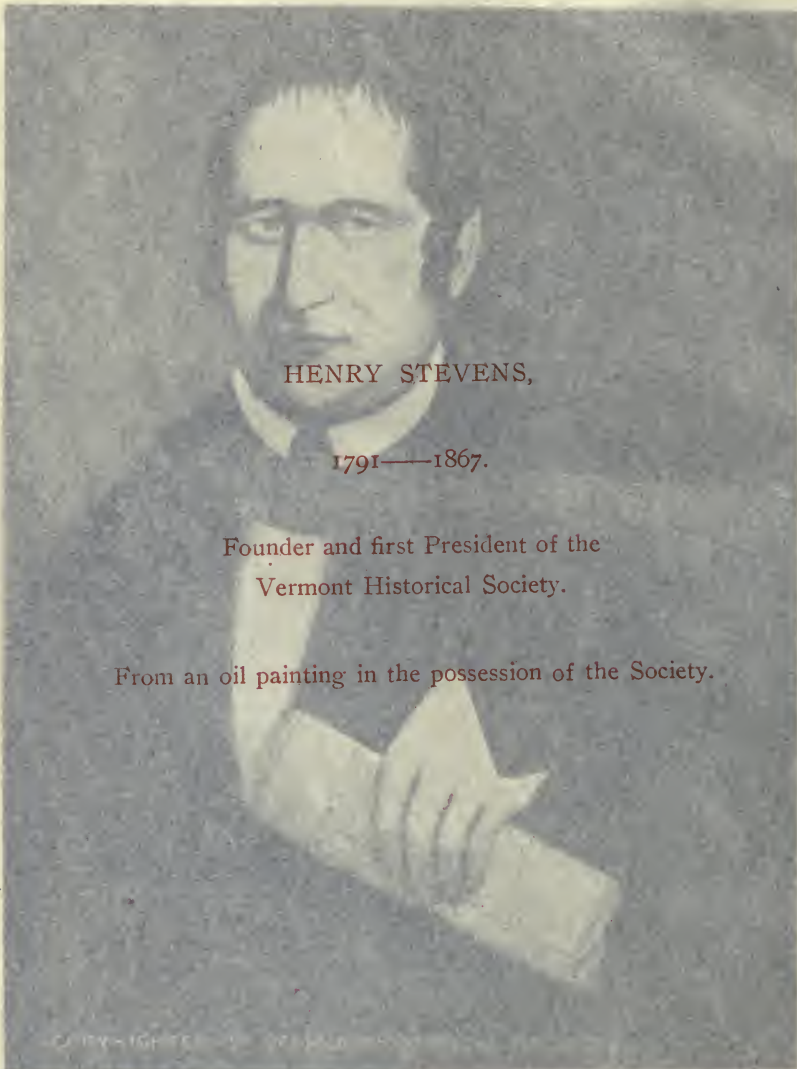
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A black and white reproduction of an oil painting of Henry Stevens. He is shown from the chest up, wearing a dark suit jacket, a white shirt, and a dark tie. He has dark hair and is looking slightly to the right of the viewer. His hands are clasped in front of him, holding a rolled-up document or scroll. The background is a dark, textured grey.

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Constitution and By-Laws
of the
Vermont Historical Society

Constitution

As revised by Special Committee, submitted to the members, and adopted October 18, 1904.

ARTICLE I.

This association shall be called "The Vermont Historical Society," and shall consist of Active, Corresponding, and Honorary Members.

ARTICLE II.

The object of the Society shall be to discover, collect, and preserve whatever relates to the material, agricultural, industrial, civil, political, literary, ecclesiastical and military history of the State of Vermont.

ARTICLE III.

The officers of the Society, who shall constitute its Board of Managers, to be elected annually and by ballot, shall be a President, three Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, two Corresponding Secretaries of foreign and domestic correspondence, a Librarian and a Cabinet-Keeper, a Treasurer, and a Curator from each county in this State.

ARTICLE IV.

There shall be one annual, and occasional meetings of the Society. The annual meeting for the election of officers shall be at Montpelier on Tuesday preceding the third Wednesday of October; the special meetings shall be at such time and place as the Board of Managers shall determine.

ARTICLE V.

All members, (Honorary and Corresponding members excepted), shall pay, on admission, the sum of two dollars, and an additional sum of one dollar annually.

ARTICLE VI.

Members shall be elected upon the recommendation of any member of the Society.

ARTICLE VII.

This Constitution and the By-Laws may be altered or amended at the annual meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, provided notice of the proposed change shall have been given at the next preceding annual meeting.

By-Laws

CHAPTER I.

RELATING TO MEMBERS.

1. Members only shall be entitled to vote or to be eligible to any office.

2. No member who shall be in arrears for two years, shall be entitled to vote, or be eligible to any office, and any failure to pay annual dues for two consecutive years, after due notice from the Treasurer, shall be considered a forfeiture of membership; and no person thus expunged from the roll of the Society can be eligible to re-admission without the payment of his arrears.

3. No person shall be elected an Active Member until he shall have previously signified his desire to become such in writing.

4. The yearly assessment is payable at the time of the annual meeting in October.

CHAPTER II.

OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.

1. The President, or in his absence the highest officer present, shall preside at all meetings of the Society, and regulate the order thereof, and be ex-officio chairman of the Board of Managers, and when required give the casting vote.

2. The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Society in a suitable book, and at the opening of each one shall read those of the preceding

one. He shall have the custody of the Constitution, By-Laws, Records and all papers of the Society, and shall give notice of the time and place of all meetings of the Society and shall notify all officers and members of their election and communicate all special votes of the Society to parties interested therein. In the absence of the Recording Secretary his duty shall be performed by one of the Corresponding Secretaries.

3. The Corresponding Secretaries shall conduct all the correspondence of the Society committed to their charge. They shall preserve on file the original of all communications addressed to the Society and keep a fair copy of all their letters in books furnished for that purpose. They shall read, at each meeting, the correspondence or such abstracts from it as the President may direct.

4. The Treasurer shall collect, receive and disburse all moneys due and payable, and all donations and bequests of money or other property to the Society. He shall pay, under proper vouchers, all the ordinary expenses of the Society, and shall deposit all its funds in one of the Vermont banks, to the credit of the Society, subject to his checks as Treasurer; and at the annual meeting shall make a true report of all the moneys received and paid out by him, to be audited by the Committee on Finance provided for hereafter.

5. It shall be the duty of the Librarian and Cabinet-Keeper, to preserve, arrange, and keep in good order, all books, manuscripts, documents, pamphlets, articles, and papers of every kind, belonging to the Society. He shall keep a catalogue of the same, and take especial care that no book, manuscript, document, paper, or any property of the

Society, confided to his keeping, be removed from the room. He shall also be furnished with a book, in which to record all donations and bequests of whatsoever kind, relating to his department, with the name of the donor, and the time when bestowed.

6. The Curators, with the President, Vice-Presidents, Corresponding and Recording Secretaries, Librarian, and Treasurer, shall constitute a Board of Managers, whose duty it shall be to superintend the general concerns of the Society. The President shall, from this Board, appoint the following Standing Committees, viz.: On the Library and Cabinet, on Printing and Publishing, and on Finance.

7. The Committee on the Library and Cabinet shall have the supervisory care of all printed publications, manuscripts and curiosities. They shall, with the Librarian, provide suitable shelves, cases and fixtures, in which to arrange and display them. The printed volumes and manuscripts shall be regularly numbered and marked with the name of "The Vermont Historical Society." They shall propose at the regular meeting, such books or manuscripts, pertaining to the objects of the Society, as they shall deem expedient, which, when approved, shall be by them purchased and disposed of as above directed. They shall be required to visit the library at least once a year, officially, and shall provide a book or books, in which the Librarian and Cabinet-Keeper shall keep a record of their proceedings—and be entrusted in general, with the custody, care and increase of whatever comes within the province of their appointed duty.

8. The Committee on Printing and Publishing shall prepare for publication whatever documents or collections shall be ordered by the Society; shall contract for and su-

pervise the printing of the same, and shall furnish the Recording Secretary and Librarian and Cabinet-Keeper, with such blank notices, summonses, labels, etc., as may be deemed requisite.

9. The Committee on Finance shall consist of at least one member of each of the former committees, and shall have the general oversight and direction of the funds of the Society. They shall examine the books of the Treasurer, vouch all accounts of money expended, and audit his annual report.

CHAPTER III.

OF THE CABINET, LIBRARY, ETC.

1. All donations to the Cabinet or Library, when practicable, shall have the donor's name, legibly written or printed, affixed thereto.

2. All donations shall be promptly acknowledged by the Librarian and Cabinet-Keeper on behalf of the Society, and shall be specified by that officer in his report to the Society to be made at the annual meeting.

3. The Librarian and Cabinet-Keeper shall make a written report of the condition of the Library and Cabinet at the annual meeting.

4. All reports of Committees must be in writing, and addressed to the President, and shall be recorded by the Recording Secretary, unless otherwise ordered by a vote of the Society.

5. It shall be deemed the duty of all members, if convenient, to contribute to the Library and Cabinet such papers, pamphlets and books (rare or out of print), as possess historical interest.

6. There shall be a public meeting of the Society in the year in which the Legislature sits. Such meeting shall be under the charge and supervision of the President, who shall make, on such occasion, the President's address and shall also invite (with such counsel as he may require from the Board of Managers) to address the Society at such meeting, one or more speakers, on subjects relating to the history of this State.

7. Notices of the deaths of such members of this Historical Society, and eminent Vermonters, as may de cease during the year preceding the annual meeting of the Society, shall be prepared under the direction of the Board of Managers and be read at the annual meeting, and be deposited in the archives of the Society for future use and reference.

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OF THE
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For the Years 1912-1913

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Elmer E. Silver.....	79 Milk St., Boston, Mass.
Leighton P. Slack	St. Johnsbury, Vt.
Charles H. Slocum	Morrisville, Vt.
Charles Plimpton Smith	Burlington, Vt.

Clarence L. Smith	Burlington, Vt.
Edward Curtis Smith	St. Albans, Vt.
Frank N. Smith	Waterbury, Vt.
John L. Southwick	Burlington, Vt.
Martha E. Spafford	Rutland, Vt.
George Burley Spalding	Stonington, Conn.
Leverett Wilson Spring	Williamstown, Mass.
Wendell Phillips Stafford	Washington, D. C.
Zed S. Stanton	Roxbury, Vt.
William Stanford Stevens	"Ingleside," St. Albans, Vt.
W. D. Stewart	Bakersfield, Vt.
John Conant Stewart	York Village, Me.
William B. C. Stickney	Rutland, Vt.
William Wallace Stickney	Ludlow, Vt.
*Henry Leonard Stillson	Bennington, Vt.
Arthur F. Stone	St. Johnsbury, Vt.
Mason Sereno Stone	Montpelier, Vt.
George L. Story	Waterville, Vt.
George Oren Stratton	Montpelier, Vt.
Benjamin Swift	Woodstock, Vt.
Lucius Dennison Taft	Montpelier, Vt.
Charles P. Tarbell	So. Royalton, Vt.
James P. Taylor	Saxtons River, Vt.
W. H. Taylor	Hardwick, Vt.
William Napoleon Theriault	Montpelier, Vt.
Isaac Thomas	Rutland, Vt.
John M. Thomas	Middlebury, Vt.
Charles Miner Thompson	161 Brattle St., Cambridge, Mass.
Henry Crain Tinkham	Burlington, Vt.
William Mason Towle	Potsdam, N. Y.
Harriet Belle Towne	Burlington, Vt.
Mary Louise Tracy	Johnson, Vt.
Albert Tuttle	Fair Haven, Vt.
Egbert Clayton Tuttle	Rutland, Vt.
Theodore Newton Vall	Lyndonville, Vt.

*Deceased.

William Van Patten	Burlington, Vt.
Josiah William Votey	Burlington, Vt.
Horatio Loomis Wait.....	110 La Salle St., Chicago, Ill.
Frank Ardain Walker	Ludlow, Vt.
Roberts Walker.....	115 Broadway, New York City
William Franklin Walker	Fair Haven, Vt.
Harris Ralph Watkins	Burlington, Vt.
Alfred Edwin Watson	Hartford, Vt.
Charles Douglas Watson	St. Albans, Vt.
Charles A. Webb	Montpelier, Vt.
William Seward Webb	Shelburne, Vt.
Edward Dwight Welling	No. Bennington, Vt.
Charles Henry Wells.....	960 Broad St., Newark, N. J.
Frank Richardson Wells	Burlington, Vt.
Frederic Palmer Wells	Newbury, Vt.
Edward C. Wheeler.....	5 Melville Ave., Dorchester, Mass.
James R. Wheeler.....	433 West 117th St., New York City
John Brooks Wheeler	Burlington, Vt.
Charles Warren Whitcomb	Cavendish, Vt.
Harrie C. White	No. Bennington, Vt.
Albert M. Whitelaw	Ryegate, Vt.
Oscar Livingston Whitelaw.....	409 No. 2nd St., St. Louis, Mo.
Robert Henry Whitelaw.....	409 No. 2nd St., St. Louis, Mo.
E. Lee Whitney	Montpelier, Vt.
James Benjamin Wilbur	Manchester, Vt.
La Fayette Wilbur	Jericho, Vt.
Frank J. Wilder	Cornhill, Boston, Mass.
Daniel Willard.....	B. & O. R. R. Offices, Baltimore, Md.
Frank Clifton Williams	Newport, Vt.
Frank Higginson Williams, Jr.	Woodstock, Vt.
George Washington Wing	Montpelier, Vt.
Gustavus L. Winship	Fairlee, Vt.
Urban A. Woodbury	Burlington, Vt.
George M. Wright.....	280 Broadway, New York City
James Edward Wright	Montpelier, Vt.

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.

Everett C. Benton	Boston, Mass.
George F. Bixby	Plattsburg, N. Y.
John Dearborn	Malden, Mass.
Herbert W. Denio.....	University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill.
W. O. Hart.....	134 Carondelet St., New Orleans, La.
Edward R. Houghton	Riverside Press, Cambridge, Mass.
David Sherwood Kellogg	Plattsburg, N. Y.
George Dana Lord	Hanover, N. H.
Edwin Sawyer Walker	Springfield, Ill.
William Copley Winslow.....	525 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

John W. Burgess	New York City
Charles Edgar Clark.....	Philadelphia, Pa.
Charles Hial Darling	Burlington, Vt.
George Dewey	Washington, D. C.
John W. Simpson	25 Broad St., New York City.

**Report of the Meetings of the
Vermont Historical Society**

Vermont Historical Society

PROCEEDINGS

SEVENTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING, OCTOBER 17, 1911.

Pursuant to printed notice the Vermont Historical Society held its seventy-third annual meeting in its rooms in the Vermont State Capitol at two o'clock Tuesday afternoon, October 17, 1911.

The meeting was called to order by its President, Hon. William W. Stickney, of Ludlow, and a prayer was then made by Dr. J. Edward Wright of Montpelier.

The following members were present: William W. Stickney, J. Edward Wright, George L. Blanchard, George W. Wing, Dorman B. E. Kent, Fred A. Howland, Walter H. Crockett and Mason S. Stone.

In the absence of the Secretary the report of the last meeting, held November 10, 1910, was read by Mr. Blanchard and the same was on motion voted approved. It was then moved and carried that Dorman B. E. Kent be made temporary secretary of the meeting.

In the absence of the Treasurer his report was read by Fred A. Howland and the same was on motion approved. It showed a balance October 18, 1910, of \$575.92. To this was added during the year \$344.06, making a total of \$919.98. From this, bills were paid aggregating \$78.58 leaving a balance on hand of \$841.40, October 17, 1911.

The Dewey Monument Fund was increased by interest during the year to the extent of \$118.58, making a total on deposit October 17, 1911, of \$3,054.37.

The Librarian, Mr. Goddard, being absent, his report was not made at this meeting.

President Stickney next made a brief report for the Board of Managers. The Special Committee for the securing of additional shelf and cabinet space, which committee consisted of Messrs. F. W. Baldwin, J. A. DeBoer and W. B. C. Stickney, bringing in no report the committee was ordered continued.

The following gentlemen having been proposed were unanimously elected to full and active membership in the Society: Frank R. Dawley, Montpelier, Vt., and Timothy D. Hobart of Pampa, Texas. The following members having requested to withdraw from the Society their resignations were accepted by vote: Martin S. Vilas and Edith E. Clarke, both of Burlington, Vt. Mr. John Dearborn of Malden, Mass., was next elected to corresponding membership in the Society.

On motion of Mr. Crockett the chair appointed Mason S. Stone, Fred A. Howland and J. Edward Wright a committee on the nomination of officers for the coming year, which committee retired for deliberation. Mr. Stone for the committee delivered its report and it was accepted. On motion of Mr. Blanchard the temporary Secretary, Mr. Kent, was ordered without dissent to cast one ballot for the members present, after which the chair declared the following list of officers for the ensuing year:

President, William W. Stickney, Ludlow.

Vice-Presidents, Joseph A. DeBoer, Montpelier.

Horace W. Bailey, Rutland.

John E. Goodrich, Burlington.

Recording Secretary, Frank N. Smith, Montpelier.

Corresponding Secretaries, Edward M. Goddard, Montpelier; Charles S. Forbes, St. Albans.

Treasurer, Henry F. Field, Rutland.

Librarian, Dorman B. E. Kent, Montpelier.

Curators, Ezra Brainerd, Addison County.

Hall P. McCullough, Bennington County.

Henry Fairbanks, Caledonia County.

John E. Goodrich, Chittenden County.

Porter H. Dale, Essex County.

Frank L. Greene, Franklin County.

Nelson W. Fisk, Grand Isle County.

Carroll S. Page, Lamoille County.

George Davenport, Orange County.

Frederick W. Baldwin, Orleans County.

Frank C. Partridge, Rutland County.

Walter H. Crockett, Washington County.

Lyman S. Hayes, Windham County.

Gilbert A. Davis, Windsor County.

Guy W. Bailey, Secretary of State

H. F. Graham, Auditor of Accounts

George W. Wing, State Librarian

} *Ex-Officio.*

The chair then appointed the following committees:

On Library: Joseph A. DeBoer, Hall P. McCullough, D. B. E. Kent.

On Printing: Carroll S. Page, F. W. Baldwin, Walter H. Crockett.

On Finance: H. P. McCullough, Carroll S. Page, Frank L. Greene.

The deaths of the following members were then announced: Robert D. Benedict, Matthew H. Buckham, Henry Wells, of Burlington, Vt.; William T. Dewey, Edwin A. Nutt, of Montpelier; Fletcher D. Proctor, of Proctor; S. B. Hall, of Bennington, and Albert Clark, of Boston.

It was then brought to the Society's attention by Mr. Crockett that William P. Baxter of Chicago had recently deceased and he was supposed to have owned the manuscript copy of Hemenway's Windsor County Gazetteer, which manuscript had never been printed or published.

It was by vote ordered that the President and Librarian take up the matter with the heirs as to the purchase of this work and if our funds were thought sufficient that an order be drawn on the Treasurer for such a purpose.

No further business appearing the meeting adjourned.
A true record.

Attest:

(Signed) DORMAN B. E. KENT,
Temporary Secretary.

A true copy of the proceedings.

Attest:

EDWARD D. FIELD,
Recording Secretary.

SEVENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING, OCTOBER 15, 1912.

Pursuant to printed notice the Vermont Historical Society held its seventy-fourth annual meeting in the old library room of the Vermont State Capitol at two o'clock Tuesday afternoon, October 15, 1912.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Hon. W. W. Stickney, of Ludlow, and W. H. Crockett was chosen to act as Secretary pro tem. The following members were present: William W. Stickney, Henry F. Field, George W. Wing, L. Bart Cross, Dorman B. E. Kent, Mason S. Stone, P. S. Howes, W. J. Van Patten, George Blanchard, Charles Mather, John W. Gordon, H. S. Peck, J. K. Batchelder, Horace W. Bailey, W. G. Andrews, Edward H. Deavitt, A. D. Farwell, C. A. G. Jackson, F. H. Dewart and W. H. Crockett.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Secretary pro tem and approved.

Henry F. Field then read his annual report as Treasurer, which was accepted and adopted. The report showed in receipts and in balance received from last year \$1,127.16. The disbursements for the year amounted to \$430.48, showing balance of \$696.68.

The Dewey Monument Fund was increased by interest during the year to the extent of \$123.38, making a total on deposit on October 15, 1912, of \$3,177.75.

The report of the Librarian, Dorman B. E. Kent, was read by him and accepted and adopted. The report showed that a considerable number of genealogical books had been purchased for the Society, that seven hundred and twenty letters had been sent out soliciting membership and that one hundred and twenty-five new members had been secured.

Mr. Kent alluded to valuable material that had been discovered among the Society's property and the gifts which had been received during the year. Perhaps the most valuable gift was that of the so-called Bennington Declara-

tion of Independence presented to the Society by Ex-Gov. John G. McCullough, his son, Hall P. McCullough and F. B. Jennings.

Attention was called to the need of more room for the collections of the Society. This matter was discussed at length by the President and various members of the Society. On motion of Edward H. Deavitt, a committee was authorized, consisting of the President and two persons to be appointed by him, to take action regarding the need of more room for the Society.

On motion of Mason S. Stone, it was voted that the Secretary prepare and submit to each member of the General Assembly, for and in behalf of the Vermont Historical Society, a brief statement of the congested condition of the Society's accommodations and the immediate need of more commodious, accessible and safe rooms for the display and protection of its valuable collections of relics, documents and effects.

The names of the following persons were suggested for membership and it was voted that they be admitted to the Society:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Residence</i>	<i>Proposed by</i>
Abbott, Frank Danford	Chicago, Ill.	D. B. E. Kent
Anderson, Rev. Wilbert Lee	Amherst, Mass.	"
Austin, Hon. Warren R.	St. Albans, Vt.	"
Baldwin, Hon. LeRoy Wilbur	New York City	"
Ballard, Smith S.	Montpelier, Vt.	"
Barnes, Millard	Chimney Point, Vt.	"
Bennett, Charles M.	Montpelier, Vt.	"
Benton, Dr. Guy Potter	Burlington, Vt.	"
Billings, Frederick	Woodstock, Vt.	"
Blodgett, Pearl Freeman	Montpelier, Vt.	"
Boutwell, Hon. James M.	Montpelier, Vt.	"
Brean, Herbert J.	Montpelier, Vt.	"
Brooks, Frank Hilliard	St. Johnsbury, Vt.	"
Brown, George Washington	Boston, Mass.	"

<i>Name</i>	<i>Residence</i>	<i>Proposed by</i>
Bryan, Frank M.	Montpelier, Vt.	D. B. E. Kent
Butler, Hon. Fred Mason	Rutland, Vt.	"
Byrnes, Hon. Timothy Edw.	Boston, Mass.	"
Callahan, Timothy Edward	Montpelier, Vt.	"
Campbell, Dr. Edw. Raymond	Bellows Falls, Vt.	"
Caverly, Dr. Chas. Solomon	Rutland, Vt.	"
Chaffee, Newman Keyes	Rutland, Vt.	"
Chamberlin, Edson Joseph	Montreal, Canada	"
Clark, Henry L.	Castleton, Vt.	"
Clement, Hon. Percival W.	Rutland, Vt.	"
Colton, Dr. Edwin A.	Montpelier, Vt.	"
Conant, Prof. Carlos Everett	Chattanooga, Tenn.	"
Cowles, Hon. Elmer E.	Weybridge, Vt.	"
Davis, Rev. Ozora Stearns	Chicago, Ill.	"
Dewey, Thomas	Montpelier, Vt.	"
Dillingham, Paul	Montpelier, Vt.	"
Emerson, Prof. Samuel F.	Burlington, Vt.	"
Farwell, Henry L.	Montpelier, Vt.	"
Fish, Hon. Frank Leslie	Vergennes, Vt.	"
Fletcher, Ernest Ryland	Hardwick, Vt.	"
Foote, Hon. Abram William	Middlebury, Vt.	"
Frost, Rev. Timothy Prescott	Evanston, Ill.	"
Furman, Hon. Daniel G.	Swanton, Vt.	"
Gleed, Hon. Charles Sumner	Topeka, Kas.	"
Hall, Alfred Stevens	Winchester, Mass.	"
Hanley, Dewey T.	Montpelier, Vt.	"
Harvey, Col. George	Deal, N. J.	"
Haskins, Hon. Kittredge	Brattleboro, Vt.	"
Hastings, Frank W.	Glover, Vt.	"
Hayward, Benjamin Miner	Montpelier, Vt.	"
Hepburn, Hon. Alonzo Barton	New York City	"
Higley, Major Edwin Hall	Groton, Mass.	"
Homer, Horace S.	Springfield, Mass.	Frank J. Wilder
Hopkins, Herman Deming	Montpelier, Vt.	D. B. E. Kent
Howland, Frank George	Barre, Vt.	"
Hulbert, Archer Butler	Boston, Mass.	"
Isham, Edward Swift	Manchester, Vt.	"
Jackson, C. A. G.	Montpelier, Vt.	"
Jones, Hugh J. M.	Montpelier, Vt.	"
Kelton, Hon. Otis N.	St. Albans, Vt.	"
Kent, Casper Ryland	Burlington, Vt.	"
Kingsley, Darwin Pearl	New York City	"
Lamson, Rev. Guy Caleb	Hyde Park, Mass.	"
Langley, Frank Elmer	Barre, Vt.	"
Langworthy, Dr. Chas. Ford	Washington, D. C.	"
Lawson, Prof. Geo. Benedict	Saxtons River, Vt.	"
Lawton, Dr. Shailer E.	Brattleboro, Vt.	"
Leslie, Harthan Freeman	Montpelier, Vt.	"

<i>Name</i>	<i>Residence</i>	<i>Proposed by</i>
Littlefield, George Emery	Boston, Mass.	D. B. E. Kent
Long, Abraham	Montpelier, Vt.	"
Long, Frederick Davis	Montpelier, Vt.	"
Loomis, Hon. Nelson Henry	Omaha, Neb.	"
Lougee, Willis Eugene	New York City	"
Marsh, Edward Sprague	Brandon, Vt.	"
Martin, Orlando L.	Plainfield, Vt.	"
McMurphy, Archibald H.	Randolph Ctr., Vt.	Edward D. Field
Mead, William Rutherford	New York City	D. B. E. Kent
Merrill, Rev. Chas. Henry	St. Johnsbury, Vt.	"
Miner, Harlan Sherman	Gloucester, N. J.	"
Montague, Hon. David T.	Boston, Mass.	"
Morrison, Hon. John G.	Cambridge, Mass.	"
Morse, Prof. Anson Daniel	Amherst, Mass.	"
Parker, Charles	Montpelier, Vt.	"
Parker, Col. Harry Elwood	Bradford, Vt.	"
Parsons, Frank T.	Montpelier, Vt.	"
Peabody, Hon. Jas. Hamilton	Canon City, Colo.	"
Perkins, Col. Marsh Olin	Windsor, Vt.	"
Pettigrew, Hon. Richard F.	Sioux Falls, S. D.	"
Platt, Mary M.	Shoreham, Vt.	Elmer Barnum
Plumley, Charles Albert	Northfield, Vt.	D. B. E. Kent
Proctor, Mortimer Robinson	Proctor, Vt.	"
Proctor, Redfield	Proctor, Vt.	"
Proctor, Hon. Thos. Redfield	Utica, N. Y.	"
Rand, Admiral Stephen	Washington, D. C.	"
Richmond, Hon. Rollin L.	Rutland, Vt.	"
Robinson, Hon. Albert A.	Topeka, Kas.	"
Ross, Hon. Henry Herbert	Burlington, Vt.	"
Savage, Albert R.	Auburn, Me.	"
Spring, Leverett Wilson	Williamstown, Mass.	"
Stevens, Hon. Wm. Stanford	St. Albans, Vt.	"
Stewart, Hon. John Conant	York Village, Me.	"
Stillson, Henry Leonard	Bennington, Vt.	"
Story, George L.	Waterville, Vt.	"
Taft, Lucius Dennison	Montpelier, Vt.	"
Towle, William Mason	Potsdam, N. Y.	"
Vail, Theodore Newton	Lyndonville, Vt.	"
Votey, Josiah William	Burlington, Vt.	"
Walker, Hon. Frank Ardain	Ludlow, Vt.	"
Walker, Hon. Wm. Franklin	Fair Haven, Vt.	"
Webb, Charles A.	Montpelier, Vt.	"
Welling, Hon. Edw. Dwight	No. Bennington, Vt.	"
Wells, Rev. Charles Henry	Newark, N. J.	"
Wells, Frederic Palmer	Newbury, Vt.	"
Wheeler, Edward C.	Dorchester, Mass.	"
Wheeler, Dr. John Brooks	Burlington, Vt.	"
Whitney, E. Lee	Montpelier, Vt.	"

<i>Name</i>	<i>Residence</i>	<i>Proposed by</i>
Willard, Daniel	Baltimore, Md.	D. B. E. Kent
Williams, Hon. Frank Clifton	Newport, Vt.	"
Williams, Frank H. Jr.	Woodstock, Vt.	"
Atwood, Bishop Julius W.	Phoenix, Ariz.	"
Barclay, Douglas Monroe	Barre, Vt.	"
Mathewson, Hon. Chas. Fred'k	New York City	"
Watkins, Harris Ralph	Burlington, Vt.	"
Leland, George Farnham	Springfield, Vt.	"
Howe, Frank E.	Bennington, Vt.	"
Colton, Willard C.	Montpelier, Vt.	"
Pierson, Philip T. H.	Bennington, Vt.	Isaac Jennings
Hulbert, Prof. Byron S.	Cambridge, Mass.	D. B. E. Kent
Farnham, Horace M.	Montpelier, Vt.	"
Heaton, Charles H.	Montpelier, Vt.	"

Horace W. Bailey, Henry F. Field and others spoke in high praise of the work of the Librarian in securing such a large addition to the membership of the Society and President Stickney formally expressed the appreciation of himself and the Society for the good work done.

The matter of having the annual meeting and the public meeting on the same day was discussed and, on motion of Mr. Goddard, it was expressed as the sense of the meeting that the managers arrange for literary exercises hereafter in connection with the business meeting.

On motion of Horace W. Bailey, the President was authorized to appoint a Committee on Nominations to consist of three persons and H. W. Bailey, J. K. Batchelder and C. D. Mather were appointed such committee. They presented the following report:

President, William W. Stickney, Ludlow.

Vice-Presidents, J. A. DeBoer, Montpelier.

Horace W. Bailey, Newbury.

John E. Goodrich, Burlington.

Recording Secretary, Fred A. Howland, Montpelier.

Corresponding Secretaries, Dorman B. E. Kent, Montpelier; Walter H. Crockett, Montpelier.

Treasurer, Henry F. Feld, Rutland.

Librarian, Dorman B. E. Kent, Montpelier.

Curators, John M. Thomas, Addison County.

Hall Park McCullough, Bennington County.

Henry Fairbanks, Caledonia County.

John E. Goodrich, Chittenden County.

Porter H. Dale, Essex County.

Frank L. Greene, Franklin County.

Nelson W. Fisk, Grand Isle County.

Carroll S. Page, Lamoille County.

Horace W. Bailey, Orange County.

Frederick W. Baldwin, Orleans County.

Frank C. Partridge, Rutland County.

Walter H. Crockett, Washington County.

Lyman S. Hayes, Windham County.

Gilbert A. Davis, Windsor County.

Guy W. Bailey, Secretary of State

H. F. Graham, Auditor of Accounts

George W. Wing, State Librarian

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} *Ex-Officio.*

The Secretary was instructed to cast a ballot for the names presented, which he did, and they were declared elected.

The President appointed as standing committees the following:

On Library: Joseph A. DeBoer, Hall Park McCullough, D. B. E. Kent.

On Printing: F. W. Baldwin, Carroll S. Page, Walter H. Crockett.

On Finance: Nelson W. Fisk, Carroll S. Page, Frank L. Greene.

Mr. Kent then read the letter of gift from Hall Park McCullough accompanying the Bennington Declaration of Independence and offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

Whereas, The Hon. John G. McCullough, Hall P. McCullough and Frederic B. Jennings have given to the Vermont Historical Society a document known as the Bennington Declaration, signed by men of Bennington in 1775, in which they firmly resolved "never to be slaves" and which document we fully believe was at least the second, if not indeed the very first, declaration in America against the rule of King George, and being fully aware of its great value to Vermont in the possession of this document and of the honor to ourselves in being its custodian, and appreciating most fully their generosity in presenting it to the Vermont Historical Society, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the thanks of the Vermont Historical Society in the name of all its officers and members be hereby voted Mr. John G. McCullough, Mr. Hall P. McCullough and Mr. Frederic B. Jennings, and that this resolution be spread upon our records and a copy of the same be forwarded to each of the donors.

On motion of Mr. Kent, the chair was authorized to appoint a committee of three to take measures to secure a suitable bronze frame, not to exceed \$100 in cost, for the Declaration or for a photographic copy of same. The chair appointed as such committee F. A. Howland, W. H. Crockett and D. B. E. Kent.

The chair also appointed as a committee to act with the President regarding more room for the Society H. W. Bailey and J. K. Batchelder. On motion of George Blanchard, it was also voted to continue a committee appointed at an earlier meeting of the Society, which also had a similar mission, consisting of F. W. Baldwin, J. A. De-Boer and W. B. C. Stickney, and the members of the new committee earnestly expressed their desire that the old committee should assist in the work.

On motion of Mr. Kent, adjournment was taken until October 29, 1912, at two o'clock in the afternoon.

Attest:

WALTER H. CROCKETT,
Secretary pro tem.

ADJOURNED MEETING, OCTOBER 29, 1912.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Vermont Historical Society met at its rooms in the State Capitol at two o'clock, Tuesday afternoon, October 29, 1912. The meeting was called to order by the President, William W. Stickney, and the following members were in attendance: William W. Stickney of Ludlow, Dorman B. E. Kent, Fred A. Howland, Charles D. Mather, Walter H. Crockett, A. J. Sibley, Frederick D. Long, Phil S. Howes, all of Montpelier; Porter H. Dale of Island Pond, Rev. Isaac Jennings of Bennington, Professor S. F. Emerson of Burlington, and Rev. Charles Henry Merrill of St. Johnsbury.

The minutes of the meeting of October 15th were read by the Secretary and, on motion, approved.

The following named gentlemen were elected active members of the Society:

James Benjamin Wilbur	Manchester, Vt.
John E. McClellan	Plymouth, Vt.
Charles Herbert Cross, 268 Sumner St.	Boston, Mass.
George Henry Cross	St. Johnsbury, Vt.
Herbert D. Ryder	Bellows Falls, Vt.
Raymond McFarland	Middlebury, Vt.
Ernest Parlin Jose	Johnson, Vt.
Charles L. French	Hardwick, Vt.
Frank C. Dyer	Salisbury, Vt.
Charles E. Billings	Hartford, Conn.

The question of holding meetings in odd years at other points than Montpelier was favorably discussed by the President, Rev. Isaac Jennings and Messrs. Kent and Crockett, and, on motion of Mr. Crockett, it was voted that the Executive Committee use their best efforts to arrange for meetings at other places than Montpelier in the odd years.

On motion of Mr. Crockett the meeting adjourned to meet in Representatives' Hall at 7:30 o'clock this evening.

Attest:

FRED A. HOWLAND,
Recording Secretary.

PUBLIC EXERCISES OF THE VERMONT HISTORICAL SOCIETY,
OCTOBER 29, 1912.

The Society met at 7:30 o'clock in the Hall of the House of Representatives, as provided in the motion for adjournment.

The meeting was called to order by President Stickney and prayer was offered by the Reverend Charles Henry Merrill of St. Johnsbury.

President Stickney in his introductory remarks reviewed the work of the Society during the past two years and earnestly urged the construction by the State of a building for the accommodation of the Supreme Court and the State Library and the giving over to the Vermont Historical Society of the quarters now occupied by the State Library. He made special reference to the gift of the Bennington "Declaration of Freedom" and the exercises at the dedication of the monument to Thomas Davenport, the inventor of the first electric motor, at Forestdale in the town of Brandon.

The President then introduced Reverend Isaac Jennings of Bennington, who delivered a scholarly and extremely interesting address on "The Undoing of Burgoyne." At the close of Dr. Jennings' address the following resolution was proposed by James B. Estee and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Vermont Historical Society hereby tenders to Reverend Isaac Jennings its sincere thanks for his able and interesting historical address on "The Undoing of Burgoyne" and requests him to furnish a copy of the same for publication in the proceedings of the Society.

On motion of Dorman B. E. Kent the following applications for membership were favorably considered and the applicants made members of the Society: Fred H. Babbitt of Rockingham, recommended by F. A. Howland; W. D. Hulett of Rutland, recommended by D. B. E. Kent; George Lyman Batchelder of Wallingford, recommended by W. W. Stickney.

On motion the meeting adjourned until 2 o'clock on the afternoon of December 17th, to meet at the rooms of the Historical Society in Montpelier.

A true record.

Attest:

FRED A. HOWLAND,
Recording Secretary.

ADJOURNED MEETING, DECEMBER 17, 1912.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Vermont Historical Society met at its rooms in the State Capitol at two o'clock, Tuesday afternoon, December 17, 1912. In the absence of the President the meeting was called to order by the Secretary and Mr. Phil S. Howes was elected chairman. There were present Dorman B. E. Kent, Walter H. Crockett, E. Lee Whitney, Phil S. Howes and Fred A. Howland.

The following named gentlemen were elected active members of the Society:

Robert Mayo CatlinFranklin Furnace, N. J.
John BarrettWashington, D. C.

Edward CowlesPlymouth, Mass.
Robert Cushman, 95 Milk Street.....Boston, Mass.
Don C. PollardProctorsville, Vt.
Ebenezer Sanborn Phillips.....Bridgeport, Conn.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

Attest:

FRED A. HOWLAND,
Recording Secretary.

Librarian's and Treasurer's Report
October 15, 1912

Librarian's Report

To the Hon. William W. Stickney, President of the Vermont Historical Society.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit to you my report as librarian and custodian of the Vermont Historical Society. for the year ending Oct. 15, 1912.

Mr. Goddard, the prior incumbent of the office which I temporarily hold, turned over to me October 24th last, his keys, your collections and his good advice.

I found upon my succession that there remained unexpended for the purchase of books during the fiscal year closing February 1, 1912, the sum of \$434.65.

This amount not being available after the first of February, I of course at once saw to it that the amount given us by the State was used to its full advantage and at the close of that year there remained unexpended but \$2.26. With the amount at our disposal during that year and the sum I have had at my command this year I have purchased 287 volumes and we have had given to us 72, making an accession, for the period, of 359.

The pamphlets and historical society proceedings given us during my term of office I cannot report to you at this time. A very large portion of the books which I have purchased are genealogies and town histories.

Mr. Goddard discovered during his long term of office as your librarian and I have observed all along during

the year which I have just served, that at least 99 per cent of the men and women desiring information from our shelves were in search of genealogical data.

I have accordingly largely limited my purchases to that class of books and until our present genealogical library is built up to a much larger volume than it now presents it would be my earnest advice that future incumbents of this office pursue a like course.

We had in the library one year ago 111 volumes on the subject of genealogy. I have purchased 144 volumes, making our total collection at this date 255.

The State Library at this writing holds, I believe, about 200 volumes on this subject, making a sum total of 455 books relating to family history available to the visitors to our rooms.

Some few years since Mr. Goddard prepared a book plate containing a picture of the Daye press for the Society's library. During the year I have had these plates inserted in some 2,000 volumes belonging to us and there remains in our immediate rooms about as many more without them.

The matter of placing the plates in these remaining volumes will, I am sure, be attended to in the near future.

There were for many years in the so-called cloak room down stairs in this building about 2,000 volumes belonging to the Society. These books were almost solely Congressional records, Patent Office reports and other governmental publications, and the State needing that room for various purposes insisted, and insisted rightly, that we remove our belongings.

This was accordingly done in July last and they were all removed to rooms in the dome of the Capitol and together with a very large amount of books and pamphlets on nearly every subject already in our possession in those quarters, we have there a vast accumulation of printed works which now can find no lodging place elsewhere. Two long tiers on the extreme upper floor of the State library hold our books also.

I am well aware that the State library needs that space, but I have not had them removed for the simple reason that I have not been requested so to do, and had I been, I should not have known where to put them. The fact is, and has been for a decade, that the Vermont Historical Society has little room, and in going about this house we all well know we are confronted by the identical situation in all other departments. The State library uses our room for the office of the assistant librarian and in so doing quarters with us four other desks and clerks.

Could these be removed we could insert book shelves and exhibit cases and our space would of course be somewhat largely increased, but under the existing conditions I would be the last man to order this done.

The State library has no room for these employees and as I stated is now housing hundreds upon hundreds of our volumes.

Here let me pay my tribute of appreciation for the courtesy always extended me, your librarian, by Mr. Wing, Mr. Whitney, Mr. Templeton and all others of the State library staff.

Should they remove from our rooms, our proper entrance be opened and the Historical Society at present be

set apart by itself, a custodian would of necessity have to be stationed with our collections during every working day of the year which as you well know is not possible with the present means at our disposal.

There have been appointed more than once, committees to advise as to an increase in our accommodations and these committees have invariably reported that under existing conditions they had but little to offer. I believe them to have found what has been brought home to me every day here that no one can turn a bushel of wheat into a two quart cup and that until the bushel measure either by gift or by purchase can be secured the situation is a most sorry one, and such a situation confronts today not only the Vermont Historical Society but equally as well the Vermont State Library and every office and officer quartered in the Capitol building.

The books which I have purchased during the year have by no means all been catalogued and neither have any of the books or pamphlets sent us by Societies of our kind. The cataloguer for the State library has very kindly consented to do what work she could for us after hours but her other employers having to enforce from her a full day she has been unable to catalogue for us as much as I should have liked and had her time all been ours for many months she could not have catalogued all the books and pamphlets we own, which at present are listed in no way.

Allow me before closing to say a word as to securing to you the new members which we have just voted upon today, as to you it was an initial expense which happily has been paid many times over both in money and the

splendid array of men which we have added to our rolls.

Early in the year I was struck in correspondence by the fact that Vermont has, both within her borders and without, a tremendous number of loyal sons of whom I believed a goodly portion could be secured for their Historical Society. Accordingly, with your sanction Mr. President, I sent out about 720 letters to men all over the United States who had made names for themselves not only of local but many of national reputation.

The whole affair was an experiment on our part and the result will be, I am sure, most gratifying to all of us, and the men secured I am certain will long remain an honor to our ranks. We had at the beginning of the year 255 active members and we shall I trust vote to admit 124 new members today, making our present total 379 men and women.

We have in our possession underneath the long exhibit case in our rooms twenty-four drawers which of necessity must be kept locked from the public. During Mr. DeBoer's regime as your Secretary the majority of the contents there were very properly roughly catalogued.

As librarian I have of course often examined the data therein contained and I will say that in my opinion few men realize the material slumbering there. The collection of autograph letters alone, if displayed, would make an exhibit that would do credit to any museum and the data relating to Vermont and her early affairs would be invaluable to any one writing a history of our State, but all this material until our accommodations are increased must remain hidden from view.

In this connection I can well report here the discovery of the gift to the Historical Society, by the widow of Pliny White.

As a minister of the Gospel, as an editor of a Brattleboro newspaper, as a President of this Society and above all as a citizen of Vermont and a student of her history, the man in my opinion deserves more honor than has even thus far been given him.

This man saved everything.

No man ever in our midst was more careful of the data coming in his way relating to the history of his State than was Pliny White.

Sometime during June of this year my attention was called by the Sergeant-at-Arms to three boxes which had long been stored in the low building at the eastern gate of the grounds. These boxes were marked "Vermont Historical Society" and for fourteen years they had remained hidden and unopened. I found that two of the boxes contained governmental documents and newspapers of little value, but the third box contained a mine indeed.

On opening it the first document that struck my eye was a letter from Thomas Chittenden to General Halde- mand, the second a letter from Kossuth to the General Assembly of Vermont regretting that he could not appear before them on the occasion of his visit to this country, the third a letter from Daniel Webster to the citizens of Bennington, the fourth a letter from Ira Allen to his wife Jerusha, the fifth a letter from Jerusha to Ira—in fact the entire large box was filled with matter of great value.

In the bottom of the box I found a letter from the widow of Pliny White addressed to Truman C. Phinney

in 1898, giving to the Vermont Historical Society her husband's collections and begging pardon for their confused condition.

Had Mrs. White sent this letter by mail to Mr. Phinney we all know the Society would have long ago profited by this collection but the box coming as it did, unheralded and unsung except for the brief note securely hidden in the bottom of its contents, the whole affair must have escaped Mr. Phinney's attention and for fourteen years the gift has been ours without our knowledge or due appreciation.

In my opinion the Society never received any gift from an individual more valuable than this.

There are scores of letters from the Allens, Fays, Robinsons and others closely connected with the early history of Vermont.

There are autograph letters of nearly, if not all, of Vermont's governors up to White's death in 1869, and the box was literally crammed with newspaper clippings neatly enclosed in separate envelopes concerning the lives and characters of our early prominent citizens. I have little doubt but that the widow of Pliny White has long since deceased, but I think the Society, through its Secretary, should ascertain her descendants or nearest living relatives, and formally if tardily convey to them our appreciation of so royal a gift.

It has been well said of the Rev. Pliny H. White that "Vermont had the honor of his birth, the benefit of his labors, her hills were his home, her history his study, her progress his delight, her honor his glory and her soil his grave," and we are now indeed fortunate in knowing that we possess a large portion, if indeed not all, of the clippings

and letters and documents he long so carefully preserved.

As I stated above there seems to be in this collection a large number of letters that passed between Ira Allen, his wife and their children, and these together with a great many more should, I believe, be printed in some early forthcoming proceedings of our Society.

On the 12th day of last February my attention was called by Mr. Crockett and Mr. Horace Bailey of the coming sale in New York of the so-called Bennington Declaration of Independence and I obtained the consent of you, Mr. President, to go there to purchase it if possible. On my arrival I called upon our friend Mr. Hall Park McCullough and made known to him my errand. I discovered at once that he intended the purchase of the document for his own library but upon my appearance he immediately gave up to us his right and title to the paper by purchase and in every way possible aided me in securing it.

The item selling for nearly \$1,000 was purchased by Mr. McCullough's buyer and the next morning it was turned over to me as your agent, as a gift to the Vermont Historical Society by the three men of Bennington, John G. McCullough, Hall P. McCullough and Frederic B. Jennings. As we shall later today attend to our formal thanks to these gentlemen for this gift I will not dwell longer upon it here.

At our last annual meeting it was called to the attention of the Society that Mr. William P. Baxter, the owner of the manuscript copy of Hemenway's Windsor County Gazetteer which had never been published, had recently deceased and that steps should at once be taken to secure it for the Society if possible.

We at once placed ourselves in communication with the executor of Mr. Baxter's will and learned greatly to our sorrow that the historical belongings of the gentleman had soon after his death been sent to a niece residing in North Carolina and that only a few days prior to our annual meeting her house together with its entire contents was burned to the ground. The loss to this State by that occurrence not alone on account of Hemenway's unpublished Windsor County Gazetteer, but as well of a vast amount of other Vermont data being the accumulations of the long life of an enthusiastic collector was, as you can see, tremendous.

Among the gifts received the past year I would mention the following:

We were given by a lady living in Portland, Me., who did not care to have her name publicly mentioned, an iron strong box or chest, evidently of great age which was brought to America by the Hessians to hold the cash and valuables of a regiment. It was captured at the battle of Trenton and later fell into the hands of Judge Richard Morris of New York. It was sent by him to his son Lewis Morris living in Springfield "to secure your valuables from that dishonest and reckless population of the Green Mountain State who held out against the just and true claims of New York" and now through the turn of events and the march of time it reposes quietly in the same room with the swords, sabres and powder horns of Allen and others of the leaders of that so-called "dishonest and reckless crew."

We have received from Julia A. C. Jackson an oil painting of her father, Hon. John A. Conant, of Brandon,

a prominent man in that part of the State. The picture is most finely executed and makes a valuable addition to our collection.

We have received from the Rev. Charles Henry Wells, of Newark, N. J., a written confession of one of the abettors to the murder of the Dutch peddler at Berlin pond in Berlin, Vt., in 1849. No one living in this vicinity has not heard of that mysterious murder and Daniel P. Thompson's book, *Centeola*, dealt closely with its event, but the facts as narrated by an eye witness of which there were but three were never before made public and to this county at least, Mr. Wells' donation which had been given him by a distant relative, by marriage, of the confessor clears up the whole affair in many minute details.

We have been given during the year by their widows the swords of Elihu S. Foster, Lemuel W. Page and Edwin H. Dodge, all of whom were Vermont officers in the war of the Rebellion.

I would say here that through the efforts of Mr. Walter H. Crockett the plaster cast of the Champlain group at Crown Point which has faithfully posed there all summer as the original can be secured for the Society at a nominal cost when the bronze group arrives to replace it in its present location.

I regret that the Society's published proceedings for 1909-1910 has not appeared. Upon my taking the office of librarian I found the matter in abeyance. Soon after the work was resumed but it was soon discovered that the passage to a final reading in the House and Senate of the Assembly of 1910 of the usual resolution authorizing the printing by the State of our Proceedings had been over-

looked. The Burlington Free Press Association which for many years has done the work at once offered to continue the 1910 Proceedings, looking to the Legislature of 1912 for their money. Since then I regret to say that owing to circumstances over which we seemed to have no control the matter has all along been delayed, but I am now happy to state the book this moment is being run through the press and will, I am certain, be forwarded to all of you within a short time.

I have received the good news from a committee appointed by the Colonial Dames of the vote of that Society that, with our permission, they would be pleased to purchase genealogical books to be held as their property, but to be placed with our collection till such time as they saw fit to withdraw them. Their idea is to start a library of their own, but for some years to consolidate their purchases with others at the Capitol in order that what they owned could be supplemented by ours.

In closing my report as librarian and resident curator of your effects allow me to dwell once more strongly upon the need of increased housing for our holdings.

If measures are introduced in the present assembly for an increase in the size of the Capitol, the proper officers of our Society undoubtedly will, and most certainly should, see that such a bill carries with it a provision for the full accommodation of this Historical Society, an institution which is a part of the State of Vermont. Could you have seen, gentlemen, the letters I have received from men all over the country who were anxious to be one of us as members of our Society, you would realize perhaps even more

fully than you do now, the interest taken by men elsewhere in this, the State of their birth.

I should judge that less than one quarter of our collection is at present available to the public and when the time arrives, which I am certain it soon will, when all we have can be placed on view and when what we have can be placed on a working basis, then, and not until then, can our Society accomplish all that it should, and thus become a full working member together with the various other departments which go to build up and sustain the history, the government and the good name of Vermont.

DORMAN B. E. KENT.

Treasurer's Report

1911-1912.

Henry F. Field, Treasurer,

In account with Vermont Historical Society.

1911.		Dr.
Oct. 16,	To balance from last report.....	\$ 841 40
1911-12.	“ Membership dues, old elections.....	\$10 00
	“ “ “ 1910 elections	2 00
	“ “ “ 1911 elections	2 00
	“ “ “ 1912 elections, in advance.....	6 00
	“ Collection of Annual dues accruing prior to 1911	38 00
	“ Collection of Annual dues for 1911, additional	129 00
	“ Collection of Annual dues for 1912, partial	83 00
		\$ 270 00
	“ Interest from Montpelier Savings Bank & Trust Co., on deposit.....	15 76
		\$1,127 16

1911.		Cr.
Oct. 24.	By paid Capital City Press, bill printing..	\$ 5 25
	“ Edward D. Field, Secretary, bill postage	5 91
Dec. 7.	“ Paine Furniture Co., bill desk..	72 90
	“ Capital City Press, bill letter heads and envelopes	6 50
1912.		
Jan. 25.	“ Claire Templeton, bill labor, etc.	19 62
Mar. 12.	“ D. B. E. Kent, Librarian, bill ex- pense to New York	46 85
May 25.	“ D. B. E. Kent, Librarian, salary and expenses	70 00
July 19.	“ D. B. E. Kent, Librarian, salary and expenses	32 20
	“ Claire Templeton, bill labor....	21 00
	“ D. W. Edson, bill printing.....	4 00
	“ Capital Hardware Co., bill locks and keys	1 35
Aug. 13.	“ Evelyn May Blodgett, bill serv- ices	9 50
Oct. 5.	“ Elizabeth S. Sanford, bill type- writing	42 48
	“ D. B. E. Kent, Librarian, salary and disbursements	63 67
	“ Charles H. Baldwin, bill plates.	12 75
	“ Capital City Press, three bills printing, etc.	11 80
14.	“ Henry F. Field, Treasurer, bill postage, etc.	4 70
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	Balance in Treasurer's hands....	\$ 430 48 696 68
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		\$1,127 16

THE DEWEY MONUMENT FUND TRUST.

1911.		Dr.	Cr.
Oct. 16.	To balance as last reported.....	\$3,054 37	
1912.			
July.	To interest from Montpelier Savings Bank & Trust Co., to date.....	123 38	
Oct. 14.	By balance on deposit in Montpelier Savings Bank & Trust Co.....		\$3,177 75
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The Undoing of Burgoyne

Address before the Vermont Historical Society

BY REV. ISAAC JENNINGS IN THE HALL OF THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES, OCTOBER 29, 1912.

The Undoing of Burgoyne

So early as the Eden episode—whether history or myth—away back in the shadows of those mighty forests which we now know only as the source of supply for coal carrying railroads and the Standard Oil Company, men observed the influences of a side-issue in determining the outcome of activity. A little thing, not conceived as other than by-play, has often contributed more to the undoing of men, the overthrow of dynasties, and the passing of once accepted atlases, than the most elaborate program constructed in the councils of royalty, by the combined wisdom of all the King's advisers. Well has the homely Scotch bard sung:

"The best laid schemes of mice and men
Gang aft a-gley."

None can bear more joyful testimony to the truth of this than the little rockribbed state, whose history we conspire to perpetuate.

It was one of those unpremeditated things, that brought Samuel Robinson, the pioneer of Bennington, into touch with the Williamses, the river gods of the Connecticut, who had already opened up the valley as far north as No. 4. It was another trifling circumstance that led Sir William Pepperell to relinquish his claim to a section of the Grant of Bennington, in behalf of this same Samuel

Robinson, whom Col. William Williams of Pittsfield, the leader of the grantees, had persuaded to take a flyer, in the undeveloped, as yet, wilderness, to the north of the Berkshires. It is tradition, that the mistake of the Walloomsac for the Hoosic on his return from a military expedition to Lake George in 1756, gave Capt. Robinson his first glimpse of the land he had bought, and determined him to secure other titles, and eventually lead a band of pioneers into this virgin wilderness.

His sons, so the story goes, influenced by his advice and probably aided by his pocketbook, followed his example and soon had comfortable pitches in the woods, on the most eligible sites not remote from the above said river. Three of them, Moses, Samuel and David soon realized the necessity of some safe commodious and centrally located storehouse, where they might bestow their goods, and built on the top of the hill, on land belonging to their father's estate, and about equally distant from the farm of each, a building whose existence in after years proved the undoing of Burgoyne.

At first, this structure which is said to have been 100 feet long by some 30 wide, built of squared spruce logs, though later covered with wide oak boards, and divided into three nearly square rooms, for the three brothers' use, served no other purpose, so far as known, than as a cover for their produce, and protection of the same from the elements and the wild beasts. But soon the upper story or loft, for we are told it was built in the style of the structures of that day, with long sloping roof and a kind of half story or loft in the upper part, became the receptacle of arms and ammunition rendered necessary at first

as a protection against the wild beasts and possible incursion of the wilder savage. Disputes about land titles and the familiar border warfare, which marked the well named Robin Hood days of the Grants, growing out of this, soon pointed out this capacious storehouse as a central place and convenient for more general storing of the weapons and ammunition of the "Bennington Mob."

A decade passes, local troubles become merged in the larger troubles which threaten the very existence of the colonies. This familiar place of safety becomes a gathering place of supplies which the neighborhood destines, in conjunction with others, as a feeder for the impregnable fortress to the north on Lake Champlain, and when in the process of time, Ticonderoga is abandoned, and troops, and above all the scattered pioneer families flee before the expected storm to the southward, bringing with them all they can carry away, what more natural than that this should suggest itself as a safe depot or nucleus for such carriages and cattle and horses as were not necessary for further progress, or if the parties proposed to remain, a kind of stronghold or citadel, whose very existence gave sense of security, when properly protected, and whose location invited the gathering of other stores needed by the boys, who had joined the continental troops? Here, on the frontier of the state, in the most populous town of the state, loyal to the core, if a stand was to be made anywhere within Vermont's bounds, was the natural place. It was this combination of circumstances that led to the Battle of Bennington and Burgoyne's surrender two months after, on the heights of Saratoga.

It is the purpose of this paper to show the far reaching effect of this truly side issue on the mind and plans of the British General, and upon the spirits of our own forces, and ultimately on the issue of the great conflict of the Revolution, and thus on the subsequent glory of our national history.

This may seem a large contract for a half hour's discussion. It may even savor of local conceit, but I crave your kind attention as I essay to do this, and I shall ask you to traverse with me, some events leading up to this date, that we may better appreciate the frame of mind of the participants, when the fatal day came.

On the 25th of May, 1775—when those events were rapidly following one another, which gave birth to that heroic Declaration, whose recent acquisition has filled our Society with so great self congratulation—the then Brig.-General Burgoyne first entered Boston harbor, in company with Generals Howe and Clinton, bringing a large reinforcement for the Royal troops beleagured in that city. As they approached, the rebel camp was pointed out, in which under the command, each of its own chosen officers, a somewhat motley crowd of militia, from several New England provinces, presented to these tried veterans of Europe, anything but a threatening aspect.

Burgoyne could not restrain his well-bred contempt for the Americans, as he burst forth, "What! Ten thousand peasants keep five thousand King's troops shut up. Well, let us get in and we will soon find elbow room." They got in. On the 17th of June following, they wished they hadn't, though they drove those despised rebels back to Cambridge that day, it was a costly job.

On the 3rd of June, two weeks before this battle of Bunker Hill, Captain John Stark, an Indian fighter of some local note, received from New Hampshire, a commission as Colonel of the first regiment of foot soldiers, raised in his native province, by order of the Congress, for the defence of the American Colonies. That regiment was soon on the way to Boston. They constituted the left wing of the American line at Bunker Hill and protected only by a rail fence stuffed with hay, withstood the Welsh fusileers, the finest light infantry regiment in the British Army, who, although seven hundred strong in the battle, mustered but eighty-three at the next roll call. If General Burgoyne had any time to make observations and noted the breast-work behind which Stark gave such a good account of himself and his doughty New Hampshire farmers, he may have soon forgotten it, but I suspect he recalled it, that sultry 17th of August, 1777, when he first heard from the field of Bennington.

These two men soon went, each his own way, the Colonel to the defences about New York and the General to Canada, where with three men, at least, who were later to become factors in our story—Phillips, Riedesel and Frazer—we find him, far from idle, serving his King.

The intrepid Stark too, who, as a young man, had run the gauntlet of his savage captors, with approval from their aged chief; who had refused to hoe corn, because it was squaw's work, and who had finally bought himself with the price of an Indian pony, with the same disregard of danger to himself, and the same keen eye for defences, soon followed, and we find him at Mount Independence, on the opposite side of Lake Champlain from Ticonderoga,

then a forest of ancient trees, marking out and building a fort, which was later to figure in this campaign.

General Burgoyne having spent the summers of '75 and '76 in Canada, and about our lake, conceived the idea of a sally from Canada, which should put an end to the long drawn out war, and put into active force the project which had been a dream in the King's mind for many days. Soliciting permission to return to England, he set sail in the Apollo frigate, November 5, 1776, amid the prayers of a well wishing army, and we soon hear of him as closeted with the King, developing the matter. A paper remains to us which he laid before the Ministry, doubtless at the King's suggestion, which embodies his plan for this proposed expedition. This plan involved placing in his hands a tried force of about ten thousand men, including some Provincials, Indians, and a fine park of artillery, with necessary transports, wagons and horses, and foresters as well as fighters from Canada. His proposition was to proceed by the Lakes Champlain and George, form depots of supplies as he went along, capture Fort Ticonderoga, and, soon penetrating to the Hudson, there to meet a supporting force under St. Leger, which was to be previously despatched by the way of the St. Lawrence, Lake Ontario, Oswego and the Mohawk, and both soon to form a junction with Lord Howe at Albany. The object of all this: to so separate the northern colonies from their neighbors on the west and south, that the country might be conquered piecemeal and the rebellion crushed.

The General's "Thoughts for Conducting the War from the Side of Canada," also included the suggestion of a diversion through "The Grants," now Vermont, and cross-

ing the Green Mountains, to descend the Connecticut River, and by its threatening aspect to terrify the inhabitants, win great numbers of hesitating sympathizers, and, perhaps, ultimately carry out his threat of the year before, of showing the Bostonese what the King's troops could really do, if they were led by a General who knew something about it. It is true, this last thought was not put into words. The ministry, however, took a different view of it, and cut from this enticing program, all this side issue, confining him to the direct path, and they, not the Generals, planned the war and its details, from London.

So much of the plan adopted, the office of Lieutenant-General bestowed upon the brigadier, and troops hired for him from German relatives, which "Cousin Kittie," Russia's Queen, although approached, indignantly refused to supply, he set sail in the early spring of 1777, bearing in his hands a warrant of Knighthood for General Carlton, to salve his wounded feelings, if there should be any resentment at being thus superseded in a plan, he too had been revolving for some time, as the result of his experiences of the preceeding year in this neighborhood—and landed in Quebec, in May of the eventful year.

General, now Sir Guy Carlton, had everything so advanced and preparations so well made, that a few trifling matters, such as weather and bad roads, unwillingness of the Canadians to respond, and the nonarrival of the ammunition and provision ships did not delay Burgoyne, for he writes to Lord Germain that he has enough ammunition to make an effective showing before Ticonderoga, which he understands is "intending to make a stout resistance."

General Burgoyne seems to me to have been a favorite of fortune, up to this ill-starred campaign. His had been many of her choicest and most partial gifts; well born and trained, and favorably married, though vain and somewhat head-strong, and traduced by later enemies, he had won renown on the fields of war, parliament and literature. He wore on his finger a diamond ring, the gift of the King of Spain for gallantry, as he had received the commendation of the Count de Lippe for his bravery at D'Alcantara; his written plays had won attention in the drawing rooms of London and as a carpet knight he had also proved a success. Above all he was the recipient of complimentary recognition from King George the 3rd, who had promised him a red ribbon, perhaps a garter, in case of success in this venture. He was in the prime of his vigor and he naturally felt that this campaign was to blazon his name on the scroll of history.

Ready now for his conquering march, or sail and march, he set forth with an army of some nine thousand strong, about seven thousand regulars, and as fine a body of men as ever mustered, upon the beautiful lake, which separated New York from Vermont at our northern border, and I suppose, of all the pageants which had disturbed her pristine quiet, Indian, French or English, none had ever equalled this. The old forests looked down upon a beautiful sight, that lovely June day, as they answered to the notes of his bugles, and the waters reflected the scarlet of the coats of his soldiers and the brass of their helmets and armor as well as their banners, which, by the way, were most of them secreted and kept from us at the final surrender.

Thomas Anburey, a Lieutenant in the British service, has left us a vivid and careful description of their order of march. In front the painted and war-bedecked Indians in their light and graceful canoes, containing from twenty to thirty apiece. Then the barges containing the advance corps under Frazer marshalled in one regular line, flanked by the gunboats. Next to them came the Royal George and the inflexible frigates, towing large booms, which thrown across from point to point adjacent on the lake, would prove valuable for defence. Following these other brigs and sloops of the invading host. Then came the first brigade in regular line followed by the Generals Burgoyne, Phillips and Riedesel in their pinnaces. Behind these in due order were the 2nd brigade, and General Burgoyne's German brigade, while the sutlers and camp followers of all descriptions brought up the rear. They made Cumberland Head their first point. Then to the inflow of the River Bouquet, where they encamped. Here quite a body of Indians joined the expedition, and observing the custom indispensable, Burgoyne made them a bombastic speech, in which he proved a proficient, before the campaign was ended, gave them a feast and witnessed the wild antics of their war dance. To this speech, in which he warned them against excesses of scalping, and the indignities of savage attacks upon women and children, they responded expressing their approbation and willing obedience, through their affections for their father over the seas, on which, they said, they had sharpened their hatchets. Nor was this all, in his over-weening conceit of the terror he was to spread among those peasant pioneers in the wilderness, he issued broadcast in the vicinity an invitation to

return to loyalty, to conserve their cattle and corn for the King's forces, for which they should receive pay in coin, and not to burn down the bridges, for, should they dare to disobey, he would let loose his savages upon them.

He has left on paper his thought at the time of what lay before him—"A short, sharp resistance at Ticonderoga, I shall beat them; I shall give them no time to rally. We shall soon hear from St. Leger. The panic will be complete. In an eight days' walk-over we shall be in Albany. Our task done."

Just before reaching Ticonderoga he made another stirring, if high flown, address to his soldiers, in which he pronounced those fateful words, "This army must not retreat."

From the river Bouquet they came to Crown Point, where they made their first depot, and whence they marched up the lake, the British on the west side, the Germans on the east side and the artillery still on the lake with the commanding officers. Cautiously they approached the famous old French fort, where Ethan Allen two years before, had, as he was wont to do, mixed his patriotism and such religion as he had, when he demanded De-la-Place's sword.

This caution, however, was unnecessary. Somebody had blundered. St. Clair, the commander, did not feel himself sufficiently strong to maintain it, though it was well provided with stores and ammunition, and when he looked out and saw the red coats and some mounted brass pieces looking right down into the fort from Mount Defiance, on the south, he planned a night retreat into Vermont. This would have been successful but somebody blundered again, and a burning house on Mount Independ-

ence, on the Vermont side of the lake, lit up the scene and told the enemy of the hasty flight of our troops.

The light infantry of Frazer was soon set in motion in pursuit, with the Germans, who had come down on the Vermont side of the lake, following close after. Two days later in the morning the battle was joined, at breakfast time, in Hubbardton. It was a sad though brave affair. St. Clair had already made good his escape to Castleton, by way of Hubbardton, sending the sick and wounded and so much of his baggage and provisions by water to Skenesboro, as he was able to get away in his hurry. When he passed through Hubbardton, he left behind him three regiments to collect the stragglers and those delayed for any cause, saying he would keep within a mile and a half of them. Francis, Warner and Hale were in charge of these men.

For three hours eight hundred men maintained a gallant and stubborn resistance against the picked soldiers of Burgoyne's army, in superior numbers, led by the intrepid Frazer, and the victory was almost theirs when the sound of psalm-singing voices, in a language they knew not, rose above the din of battle. It was the Germans under General Riedesel. The day was by these soon decided. Our brave Francis had fallen in the battle—Hale had disappeared with his whole regiment—later all were taken prisoners—Warner bore the brunt of the fight so long as he could and then is said to have issued the unusual order—"Take to the woods and meet me at Manchester." Thus met face to face for the first time troops that in a few weeks would meet again under reversed conditions, but they little dreamed of such a thing then. And thus the name

of Warner, the pride of his neighbors and the dread of his foes, first became known to the Baron. He was a stalwart son of the soil—this Warner—though not born in Vermont's territory. An ardent lover of nature in her wildest as well as more soothing moods, and had been early admitted to her confidences as with gun and rod he sought the speckled beauty in the streams, or hunted the wild beast in his lair, or with spade and pickaxe gathered the simples used in his father's profession, in the homes of sickness, among the pioneers. At the breaking out of boundary differences he had naturally cast in his lot with his own and become one of the foremost in Vermont's Robin Hood days. No wonder he was popular and followed with blind devotion by his neighbors when they had chosen him to lead them.

But we must go back to the lake. The defenders of the fort had thrown a boom across the lake to prevent the enemy's ships from going above Ticonderoga. Like similar devices, employed on the Hudson and elsewhere, the force of the enemy's vessels soon broke down this impediment and in the exultation of the moment were in full pursuit of the ships and batteaux of the flying Continentals.

Overtaken soon near Skenesboro, these were necessarily destroyed by the Americans, to save them, and they made as good a retreat as possible to the block house, called Fort Anne. Thither Burgoyne bent on annihilating, by one grand blow, the little band he affected to despise, sent Col. Hill, with a regiment of British veterans over five hundred strong. But he being fooled by a pretending deserter, whom he met on the way, into believing that Fort Anne was

strongly guarded, lay on his arms and sent back for more assistance. Our men, learning this, sallied forth at once and were almost in possession of the victory, when a surprise from the woods, a flank attack by Indians, with their fiendish cries, coupled with the knowledge that reinforcements from Burgoyne were doubtless near at hand, led our Col. Long and his Spartan band to withdraw and, burning the block house called Fort Anne, or attempting to, for it was only partially consumed, they made good their escape to Fort Edward. But, it must be added, in a trifle more than a month the Americans again occupied this position never more to give it up. The British troops who never retreat, however—Col. Hill and the reinforcing party—went back to Skenesboro, now Whitehall.

It was rather a tame ending for Burgoyne's scheme of annihilation. But, I fancy he thought the rebels so well scattered and so well scared, it was just as well, for even when the glorious news of the fall of Ticonderoga reached King George, he is said to have burst into his wife's apartments, in his enthusiasm, with the exclamation, "I have beaten all the Americans." Henry B. Dawson says: "That was where Burgoyne began to be beaten, was indeed morally undone."

Thus we have seen Burgoyne brought up to the point, step by step, where a hardier man than he, might be excused, if he lost his head. "The fool of fortune," as another has said, "whose favors he neither knew how to deserve when offered him, nor how to compel when withheld."

Let the conditions to which his planning and successes had brought him speak for themselves. The deserters and

stragglers from Hubbardton and Fort Anne had carried exaggerated accounts to every quarter of the sparsely settled lands adjoining the lake and beyond. Settlers were fleeing their cabins and little pitches in the woods, for places farther south. Burgoyne's agents were tampering with and in some cases overthrowing their loyalty. Some put themselves under British protection and the red flag or cap or mark of a Tory was in evidence. Scores more fled across the mountains, spreading consternation as they went. Burgoyne and his Indians were expected guests at almost every fireside within reach. And the memory of those days remained a terror inspirer for years; mothers using it as a threat to quiet rebellious or unwilling children. Many of those who were with the patriot army felt it their first duty to return to their families for their protection.

By a message from Warner to the convention sitting in Windsor on the great question of the formation of the State of Vermont, the news of the danger and the demand for help was conveyed—shortly succeeded by the news of the fall of Ticonderoga—and the panic seized them. They were only held in leash by the elements. A thunderstorm was presiding at the accouchement of baby Vermont. A most fitting midwife for her who was conceived in the stress of local boundary strife, and born amid the throes of a nation's struggle for the right to be, yes, born to a nation's stature herself, until she should reach through herculean struggle beyond the age when the Hebrew lad was admitted to citizenship.

But the young state and all to the eastward, were practically without military defense. General Schuyler, in charge of operations in the north, did not believe the enemy

would come this way, and when apprized of our defenseless condition had replied, "He had forgotten about that." Warner, however, had not forgotten and he writes again to the convention, that, "He should be glad if a few hills of corn unhoed should not be a motive sufficient to detain men at home." This prior to the fall of Ticonderoga. He never got there himself—though he did get to Hubbardton, as we have seen.

Following Hubbardton and Fort Anne, Burgoyne sent Riedesel to Castleton to give the impression that his real intent was the subjugation of New England, and so keep the New Englanders back from carrying succor to Schuyler. His presence there encouraged the would-be Tories and enabled him to gain much valuable information. It may be, at this time, he learned first of the little center of supplies at Bennington. It may be also that then his little nucleus began by accretion to take on the importance later attached to it. General Riedesel soon learned what was going on, and suggested a diversion; to put an end to this activity. He also saw the fine horses belonging to our thrifty settlers and coveted them, for his own unmounted dragoons. But Burgoyne had troubles of his own then.

Burgoyne now had two routes open to him for reaching Fort Edward and the Hudson. He could go by the way of this Fort Anne, he had so easily won, or he could go back to Fort Ticonderoga, establish his base there, and proceed by Lake George to Fort Edward and the Hudson. This was by far the better route, but he chose the other. As he said, "For fear going back would dispirit his soldiers."

From Skenesboro to Fort Edward was a hard road at best, but especially hard, when every rod of the way must

be cleared of heavy trees felled by our boys to fill the waters, or block the ways. But the British army had to go over this road their enemies had made all but impassable, while the provisions and baggage and stores of other kinds were carried around by Lake George and thus transferred to the needs of the workers in forest and morass and by the way. Now was discovered the great need of those wagons and horses promised from Canada, and of those men fitted for such tasks as were just now in exigency, which had never materialized. Do the best they could they could hardly get more than four days' provisions ahead, for those who were toiling to make their way to Fort Edward. It was lucky for them that they had the people so badly scared.

The Indians (and at this point a new increment of them joined Burgoyne's army from the still more savage Ottawas) were employed in this region to intimidate and capture where they could, but needed to be handled with care, for they were headstrong and irrepressible as well as irresponsible. They exacted full toll from the British, for all they contributed. At length they went the limit, and in the wanton murder of beautiful Miss McRea, drew down on their heads the censure of the General, though he dared not punish them. But they did more, they awakened all the resistance that could express itself on the part of the natives. Their hostility for the Tories was boundless, for the Indians almost frenzy. Men came to the rescue whom no other call could reach. The appeal of the Council of Safety, sitting in the Catamount Tavern on the hill yonder, reached into Massachusetts and over beyond the Connecticut. "If we are driven back,

the invader will soon be at your doors; we are your buckler and shield. Our humble cabins are the bulwark of your happy firesides. But we can't do it alone. You must help us or we and you later perish."

To this pitiful appeal, the presiding officer of the New Hampshire Assembly, John Langdon, addressing that body, made answer: "I have three thousand dollars in hard money, my plate I will pledge for as much more, I have seventy hogsheads of Tobago rum, which shall be sold for the most they will bring. They are at the service of the state. If we succeed I shall be remunerated, if not they will be of no use to me. We can raise a brigade and our friend Stark, who so nobly sustained the honor of our arms at Bunker Hill, may safely be entrusted with the command and we will check Burgoyne." This was like an electric thrill to that assembly, almost in despair, not knowing which way to turn for means.

Colonel Stark who, stung with the injustice of the Congress in promoting junior officers over him, had retired to his saw-mill and farm, heard their appeal and replied he would undertake the job. He had, wisely or unwisely, no confidence in the commander of the Northern Army, but he would enter young Vermont and hang upon the rear and flanks of the enemy, provided they gave him full authority to direct his own motions and he be accountable to no one but New Hampshire. They accepted his terms. Men flocked to his standard, as they had always done, and he was soon on the way to Manchester, and in a few days was rendezvoused less than three miles west of the then Bennington village, while he counselled with War-

ner and the Council of Safety sitting in the Catamount Tavern.

Meanwhile, on the enemies' side, General Riedesel had rejoined the main army at Fort Edward, and all had moved forward to the point where the Battenkill flows into the Hudson. At this point Burgoyne bethought himself of the advice of General Riedesel and requested him to make out a plan of his suggestion that a diversion be made toward the Connecticut river. This was not exactly General Riedesel's intent, nor was it now in his mind as feasible a thing as it had been before, but he obeyed as he was in duty bound, insisting, so far as he might, that if such diversion be made, it be simply for the purpose of checking the uprising apparent to the eastward, for financing which, astute Ira Allen, Ethan's younger brother, had worked out a scheme of sequestration. This in itself were an original and interesting theme, but I dare not delay.

Burgoyne had not forgotten his long ago plan of a sally toward the Connecticut and Boston. He knew Riedesel's dragoons wanted horses; he had promised them. He also wanted wagons and horses and provisions and Provincials, for the weakening of his main body by the giving up of a few regulars here and there for guards, at the points made up to the present, the slowness of the enfeebled provision trains in catching up with him from a base of supplies now farther and farther behind him, the watchfulness of his enemy in preventing forage and provisions falling into his hands all made it important that something be done. He was persuaded that the inhabitants this way would not be hostile to him in the main, but if some of them were, he was tempted by the fallacious rea-

soning that if he could keep the New England troops at home, it would leave St. Leger freer to make his proposed march down the Mohawk. He reflected that he could throw General Frazer across the Hudson to keep Schuyler's attention busy and prevent Arnold's carrying succor either to right or left. He could please the Germans by mounting their dragoons, always a desirable thing. He could provide himself with stores and beef cattle, supposed to be in this vicinity, though on the 13th, Deputy Commissioner Tichenor drove a large body of these cattle to Albany. Of this he knew nothing however. This move successful would enable him, if he should so decide, to cut loose from his supplies at the rear and to push Frazer forward for a rapid run to Albany. So expecting nothing else, but an easy victory if fight they must, and a profitable excursion in any case, and with General Riedesel's suggestion as a basis, he planned an excursion on paper to Arlington, Manchester, over the mountain to Rockingham, down the Connecticut and back again by the main road to Albany, perhaps covering his real design.

This would in some sense enable him to do what he had always wanted to do and not offend against his positive orders from London. It was to go into a reputed Tory stronghold; it promised everything desirable and offered very little that was undesirable. On paper it was a brilliant coup. Had it worked out as planned it would have passed for the stroke of the campaign.

These orders were given in detail and great completeness to Lieutenant-Colonel Baum of General Riedesel's command, to execute and he was set on his way with a corps of Riedesel's unmounted dragoons as a nucleus, a

company of sharpshooters, a corps of Provincials, a body of Canadian rangers, one hundred and fifty Indians and two cannon, with Handu artillerists. He had not gone far when he was overhauled and ordered to get to Arlington by the way of Bennington, where it was reported, there was a storehouse of provision and cattle and wheel carriages. There was also a Council of Safety sitting there and only a few raw militia to defend the place. The outcome might be more than he even dared to hope. He hadn't much respect for our peasant soldiers. Baum too had imbibed the contempt of his master for these same soldiers, in their hunting shirts and armed only with their fowling pieces. His first advance met with nothing more difficult than poor roads and ignorance of the way.

Burgoyne, however, for some reason, possibly the lack of enthusiasm of his advisers in this move, or, it may be native caution, made expected success doubly sure by providing a support in the nature of Colonel Breyman's regiment of German troops to follow at a moment's notice, and retired to ponder on the glory which this stroke would add to his expedition, and count up the horses and provisions he expected as a result. So confident was he of a successful outcome, that on the 16th, the very day of the battle, a bridge had been thrown across the Hudson, and the army received orders to proceed on their march to Albany the following morning. That bridge was washed away before they were ready for that. The elements were no Tories.

It was too bad to waken him so early, but he had to be told, despite the encouraging despatches Baum had sent him, thus far on the way, that there were many more men

at Bennington than he supposed and his eight hundred could not cope with them. Word was sent to Breyman to march at once. He was slow about getting off. Slower about his advance, lost his way and finally reached his destination only to find Baum and all his men in the hands of the rebels, those despised farmers. They had not thought of meeting both Stark and Warner here, one were enough, but when we add to both of these some thousand more, every one of whom Stark's own words called, "The equal of an Alexander or a Charles the 12th," they had nothing to do after fighting bravely, but lay down their arms, and fly as well and as fast as many of them could. That about one thousand of them never returned to Burgoyne's army was little less than disastrous to his plan. It was really his undoing.

There is not time to go into the details of this battle, so familiar. Stark said: "In this action I think we have returned the enemy a proper compliment for their Hubbardton engagement." But what Burgoyne thought about it is more to our point.

Following Breyman's departure from the camp, upon his orders to succor Baum, Burgoyne had crossed the Battenkill and advanced along the way to give aid, if necessary. He had not heard from St. Leger at Fort Stanwix as yet. But he heard from him soon. It was too late. He too, was on the run defeated and outdone. Arnold had sent succor there despite Burgoyne's reasoning. Two such decided reverses rarely fall out of a clear sky on one man within so short a time of each other. He felt that, right and left, he was beset and behind too, and he was right, for he soon found that Vermont troops were harassing

him on flank and in rear. His base of supplies was in danger. The forts he had taken and magazines he had planted were either retaken or threatened. He heard nothing from the succor he was to receive from the front, and on which all this movement so greatly depended. He was learning that no dependence could be placed on the Indians, and little on the Provincials. Indeed, the misleading encouragement he had received from their leaders had cost him dear on this Bennington diversion.

But even all this was not the worst of it, bad as it was. The affair at Bennington had been like the harbinger of a glorious sunrise to the country. Washington had written to Schuyler in the dark days just before, "That our affairs for some days past have worn a dark and gloomy aspect, I yet look forward to a fortunate and happy change. I trust General Burgoyne's army will meet sooner or later an effectual check and that the success he has had will precipitate his ruin. From your accounts he appears to be pursuing that line of conduct, which, of all others, is most favorable to us. I mean acting in detachment. Could we be so happy as to cut off one of these, supposing it would not exceed four, five or six hundred men it would inspirit the people and do away with much of their present anxiety." This was July 22d. He did not designate any dates, but Bennington responded by cutting off double that number on the 16th of August and on the 22d, St. Leger started back for Oswego, leaving everything behind him, even his tents standing and the artillery in the trenches. When Washington heard of it—Bennington—he regarded it as deciding the fate of Burgoyne and dismissed from his mind all further anxiety about this in-

vasion. Madam Riedesel, in her account of the affair—you know she accompanied her husband in this campaign and so did several others of the officers' wives—"Why! They thought this expedition only a kind of pleasure excursion when they began it, hence brought their families along," but by this time, she was inferring differently, and says: "By Baum's failure the army was prevented from advancing. This unfortunate affair caused a sudden cessation of all our operations. Our boats, provisions, in fact nothing was received from Fort George. The army therefore could not advance further and the despondent spirits of the enemy became so elated that its army grew daily stronger. Its number which at the beginning of August did not exceed four or five thousand strong—meaning by that, Schuyler's entire force—now increased to between fourteen and twenty thousand." While her husband in a letter to Charles of Brunswick, his ruler, explaining the affair, denied that he advised it, but pathetically includes in his report, the fact that "of the dragoons who left here one hundred and fifty men strong, only seven returned." And a German correspondent from Riedesel's army writes to friends at home: "This affair was to us a severe blow. It caused us to halt in the midst of a successful march.

The magazine at Bennington escaped our outstretched hands, and we were obliged to fall back upon our stores of flour and salt meat, stored at Fort George.

It was August, the hottest time of the year. The dysentery was also causing fearful havoc among us, and notwithstanding it all, we were obliged to work like beavers, since the very life of our army depended upon it. Enough time was gained by the enemy, by their lucky coup at Bennington, to allow three brigades to join them.

The farmers left their plows, the blacksmiths their anvil, the shoemakers, tailors, etc., their several vocations, and came as volunteers. Meanwhile General Arnold was sent against Colonel St. Leger, who was on the point of capturing Fort Stanwix, while the report that our entire army had been defeated at Bennington caused him to raise the siege and return to Oswego."

But to Burgoyne it was the saddest blow. In his defense he says: "The circumstances of the action at Bennington established a yet more melancholy conviction of the fallacy of any dependence upon supposed friends. The noble Lord Germain has said that I never despaired of the campaign before the affair at Bennington—that I had no doubt of gaining Albany, in as short a time as the army, in due condition of supply, could accomplish the march. I acknowledge the truth of the assertions in their fullest extent, all my letters at the time show it. I will go further and in one sense apply with the noble Lord the epithet 'fatal' to the affair at Bennington. The knowledge I acquired of the professors of loyalty was 'fatal,' and put an end to every expectation from enterprise, unsustained by dint of force. It would have been excess of frenzy to have trusted for sustenance to the plentiful region of Albany. Had the march thither been unopposed, the enemy finding the British army unsupplied, would only have had to compel the Tories to drive off the cattle and destroy the corn and the capitulation of Albany instead of Saratoga must have followed." In these last words we have a frank admission of the workings of the brave General's mind. At Bennington he was convinced of that which he had refused to believe before, that not only were the Indians no use, but a detriment to him, but that his

hitherto cherished hope, that he might expect something from those we called Tories was an ignis fatuus—a pipe dream. To find that out was, under the conditions, to find that his days were numbered, no matter where the end came. He was reduced in numbers, not over thirty-five hundred or four thousand effective men crossing the Hudson with him. He was deserted, as we have seen, by his Indians and most of his Canadians and Provincials. He heard nothing from the south and report from St. Leger only heightened the gloom. There were only three days' provisions, short allowance, on hand. He was beset on his flanks, his depots behind him were also beset by men released from guarding stores here. The army ahead was daily growing in numbers. You say, he delayed nearly a month! He had to, failing in the supply he expected from Bennington and vicinity. He must bring it up from the rear as best he could, lacking both horses, wagons and men. Do you ask why didn't he make another attempt in this region, as might have been expected? He tells us himself in words that mean even more than they say. The great bulk of the country is undoubtedly with the Congress and adds: "The Hampshire Grants in particular, a country unpeopled and almost unknown in the last war, now abounds in the most active and rebellious race on the continent, and hangs like a gathering storm on my left."

Burgoyne had now fair proof that hunting shirts and shot guns might have heart enough back of them to storm entrenched foes, and drive from their breastworks the tried warriors of countries that made a trade of war and trafficked in such murderers; that they who have been stung to the quick by insult heaped upon insult, and threat added to threat, could and would defend their wives and little ones,

their homes and firesides against all the minions of the King.

But he was in a sore dilemma, there was the order, perhaps the garter, awaiting him if he went on, probably the royal displeasure, possibly prison or a gibbet, if he went back. He had said, "This army never retreats," and good reason for it now. Lincoln, (though he joined Gates) with Warner and his men, was with others, between him and his Canadian embarking place. General Riedesel advised him to try it. Frazer was for advancing—he did not know that he was going to his death. Phillips was non-committal. They crossed the Hudson. They hoped for an attack from Gates, who now had superseded Schuyler in command. Gates knew as well as Burgoyne that he, Burgoyne, was on his last legs, and that he had only to bide his time, when he should receive his sword. Burgoyne, defeated already, delayed, hesitating to hear the doomful word. He put up a bold front at Freeman's Farms and then delayed some more. Then backed up a little, then engaged the foe again, or had to, albeit with the desperation of despair, and then trying a ruse was outwitted, and fled in the night, only to run up against Stark once more, in possession of the ford that he must cross to reach Fort Edward. Then changing his plan he proposed to continue on the west side of the river, and, reaching another ford above, return, but learned that some of these same Hampshire Grants men, he so much dreaded, had possession, and there was nothing to do but capitulate, which he did, and the glorious army, which nine thousand strong had sailed up the lake in all the glory of June, now that the autumn frosts had touched the leaves, with bared heads laid down their arms at Saratoga, some distance from Al-

bany, and took up their enforced march for Boston, as Burgoyne had all along wanted to do, under other conditions.

Now what did it all mean? The results of this victory at Bennington can scarcely be overestimated. It was due to this, that the numbers of the British forces which could fight on the west side of the Hudson, were less by at least a thousand, probably fifteen or eighteen hundred, than they would have been, and of a body of men, of many of whom Burgoyne said to Baum, "Always bear in mind that your corps is too valuable to let any considerable loss be hazarded." It was due to this, that they had to fight hungry, when they did fight, and surrender at discretion. While the knowledge was gradually percolating their intelligence that even New England peasants with their fowling pieces and scarcely a bayonet could and would storm intrenchments, against chosen men from all the British regiments, a thing not known before, and, moreover win the victory,—a defeated army over a body of veterans flushed with a series of successes. It was inspiration indeed for the anxious Continentals. Men of all classes flocked to the standard of the Congress. The Provincials in Burgoyne's army, the Canadians and the Indians slunk away. "The latter scalped no more after Bennington." "Mount your dragoons and send me thirteen hundred horses, seize Bennington, Council of Safety and all. Cross the mountains, try the affections of the country, take hostages, meet me a fortnight hence at Albany," ordered Burgoyne—"Aye, Aye, Sir," responded Baum. He writes on the head of a barrel that it is being done. He sends back for more help in a few hours. A few more hours and he is dying in the humble cottage of

a Vermont peasant, his troops on the way to Massachusetts and his Provincials led two by two with rope attachments, to the meeting house on the Green in Old Bennington, prisoners. "Thus," says the Connecticut Courant of the day, "was the seed sown of all the laurels Gates reaped during the campaign." This achievement of Stark emboldened the Green Mountain rangers to infest and break up Burgoyne's communications with his depots of provisions, and threw them into a month of practically enforced idleness, so far as active operations were concerned, from August 15th to September 19th, and in the end prevented, as we have seen, his escape to Canada.

False rumors flew thick and fast at the time, as at all such times, but they added to the conditions which compelled Burgoyne's surrender. They were at the outcome of this battle. Professor Butler says: "A hand bill was published in Boston within a week, with an exaggerated account of Stark's victory. The criers announced it on the streets and the church bells pealed it from their belfries. By skillful use of the same, Fort Stanwix saw its besiegers no more, and the announcement that Burgoyne had been taken at Stillwater was only by a short time premature. Bennington was indeed, "fatal!"

Nor is this all, the colonies thought they saw Burgoyne's finish in this defeat, yes, even the King's ultimate defeat, no less so did our friends abroad, for we had them in England and on the continent. At least, it was plain if England was to crush the rebellion over here they must fight a continent, which would rob its cradles and its graves before it would give in. Lord North, as another has said, "owned it and grieved in his blind old age, that he had not followed his convictions." Edmund Burke was

for making terms at any price when Saratoga had shaken hands with Bennington. Charles Fox said: "The ministers knew as little how to make peace as war." The Duke of Richmond and the historian Gibbon, both of whom had cast their votes hitherto against us, now agreed that America was lost, while the King of France told Franklin, who had long been suing at his doors for aid, that a fleet should soon sail for our shores to stay with us until the war was done, thus gaining for us, at once, recognition as a nation and the moral and naval support of the first military power in Europe. England now practically gave up the case as lost. Her military policy underwent an instant change. She no more undertook to over-awe those despised colonists, by armies with Indian allies like a freebooting band marching through our land.

Howe was withdrawn from Philadelphia. A plan was proposed to grant the colonists all they had asked for, but independence. Commissioners were sent with this proposition. It was too late. The Fourth of July had passed into history.

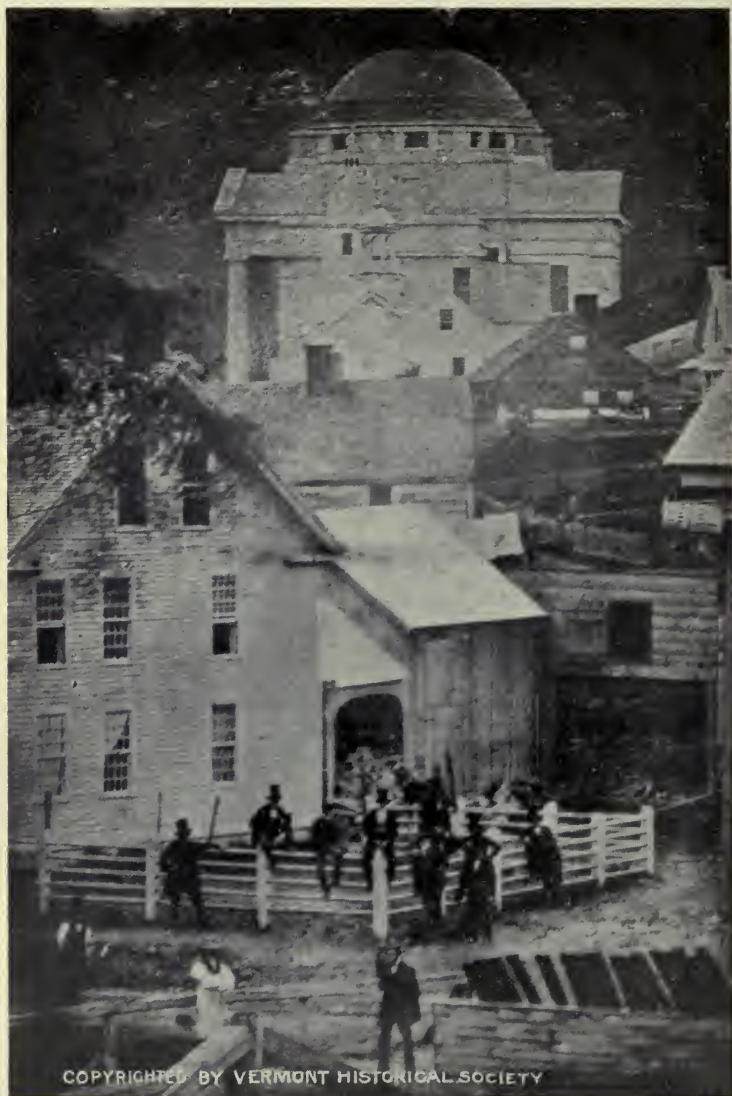
King George and the ministry had to visit their wrath on somebody. Lord George Germain was credited with the error that failed to notify General Howe, of the plan, so that he could co-operate with Burgoyne. But Burgoyne was made a scapegoat. He sought redress at the hands of Parliament, after the King refused to see him. Even there he was shabbily treated, and must needs publish his defense to the world. By this we learn that the points for which they chiefly blamed him were the attempt on the Bennington storehouse, and the foolhardiness of crossing the Hudson afterward. Thus we see that Bennington

was thought, even in London, to be his undoing, as it also, by precipitating his surrender, caused a change in the future conduct of the war, as we have noted, increasing the number of our friends, and dividing the counsels of the enemy.

It was four years, it is true, before Cornwallis, on the plain of Yorktown, followed Burgoyne's example at Saratoga, but "The handwriting on the wall" was put there at that time, and little Vermont, herself, at the time of the battle having hardly opened her eyes, consequently needing the assistance of Massachusetts, in part her mother, and New Hampshire an older sister and, in a sense, a foster mother, did well to come back to the borders of her cradle, while she showed to the world what she could do, and would do even in infancy, for the cause of true liberty.

It was to mark this event that these three states, one hundred years later, honored themselves, while they strove to perpetuate history, by erecting hard by the site of that old storehouse, whose very shape and construction is now well nigh forgotten, what to some eyes is the most noteworthy battle monument in the world. And though it was some years before she was permitted to become a corporate part of that little sisterhood which then composed the United States, she was invited at length, and I hesitate not to say on the fields of war, diplomacy, and legislation has since rendered as good account of herself as she did in those days when her forests and lake were the highway of an invading army, and she an infant in swaddling clothes.

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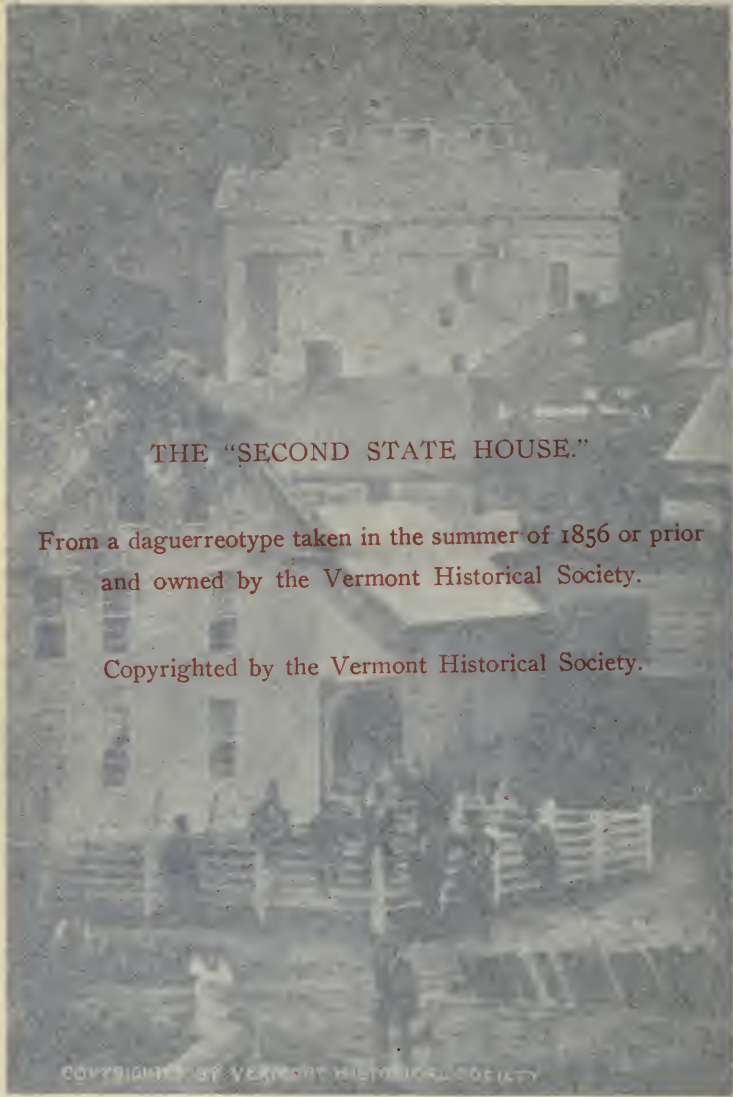


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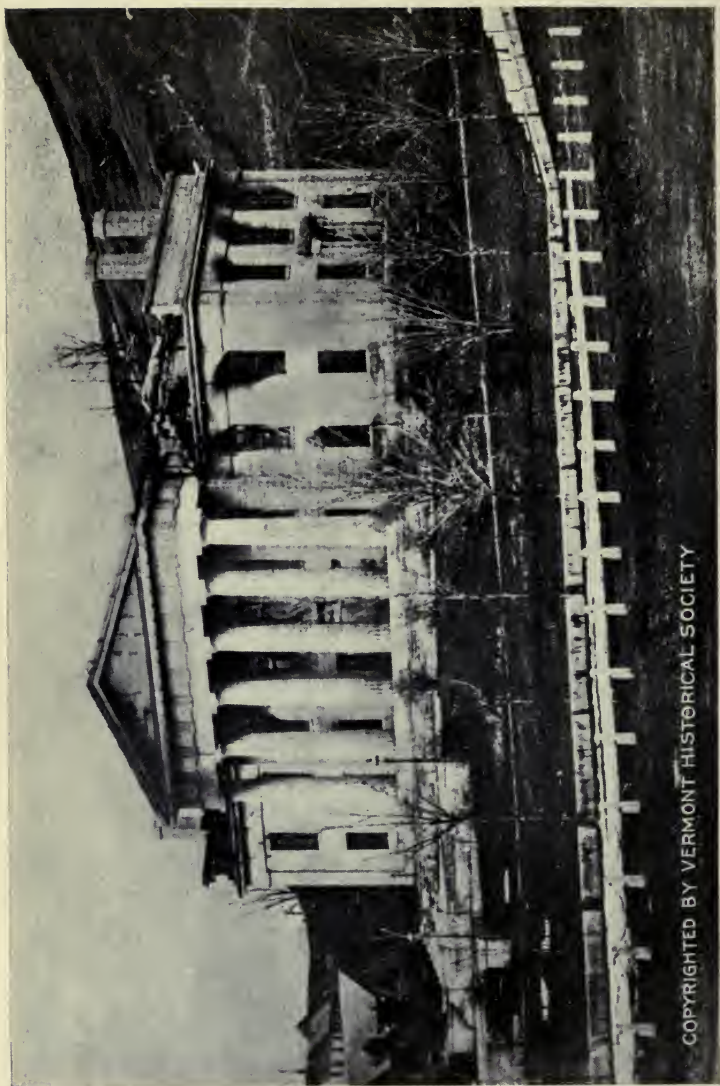
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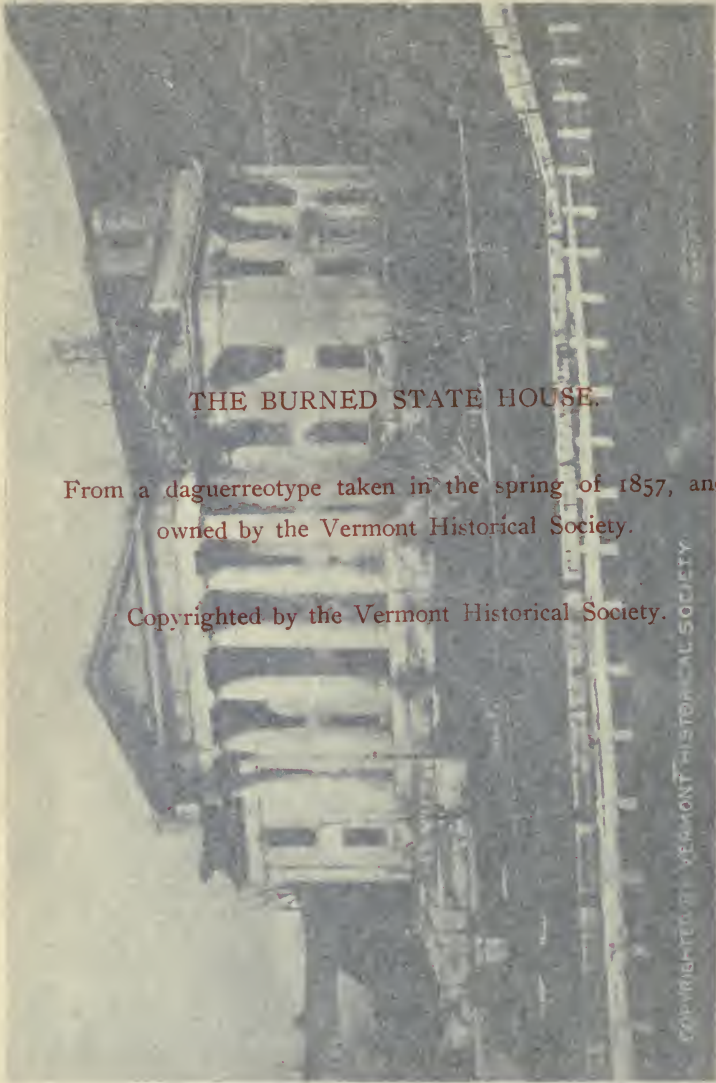
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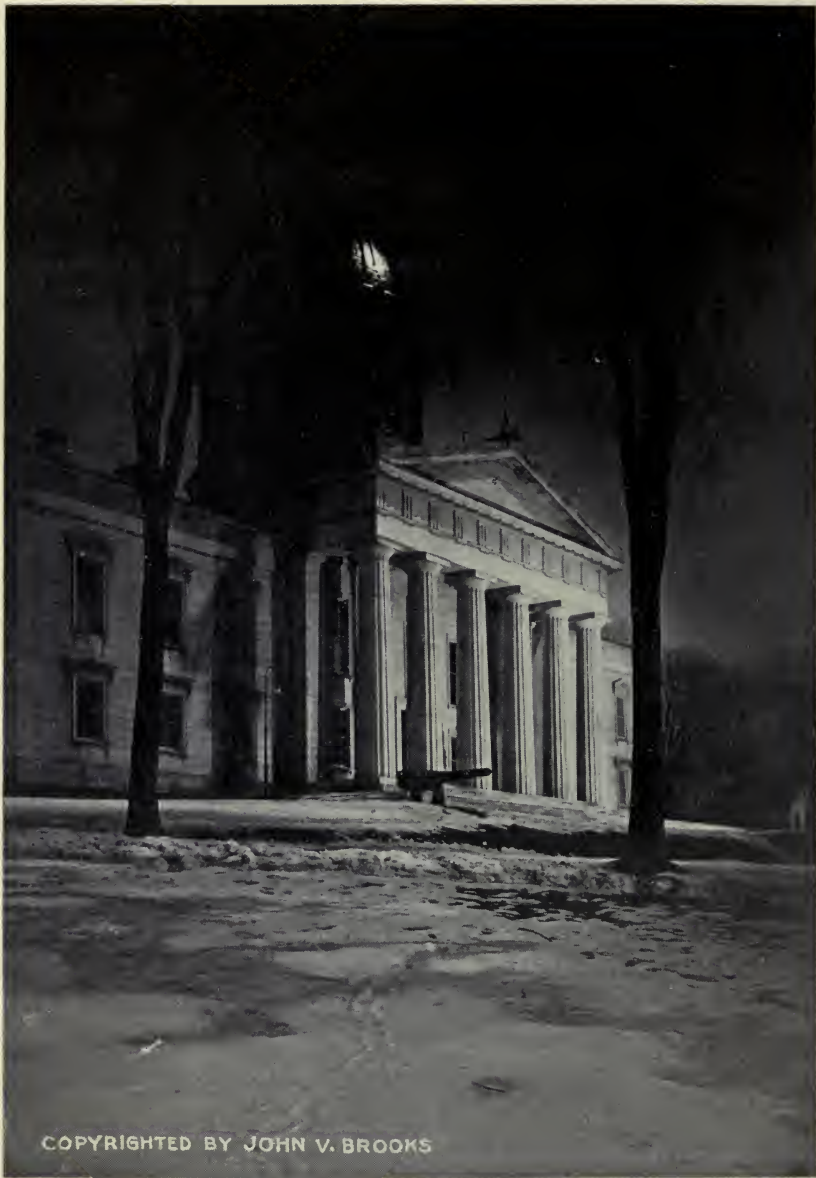


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some years to be inadequate to the increasing wants of the legislature. Various propositions were made at successive sessions of the legislature to enlarge the building, but without effect. At the session of 1831, the attention of the members of the legislature was drawn to the subject of a new state house, by a design for one, made by Ammi B. Young, architect, and exhibited at Montpelier at that time. The design was much admired, and the legislature passed a resolution authorizing the appointment of a committee to receive proposals from the several towns in the state, to build a new state house, sufficiently commodious for all the purposes of state legislation, and to report to the next legislature. The Hon. Ezra Meech, Robert Temple, Allen Wardner, and Timothy Hubbard, Esqrs., were appointed said committee. This committee reported to the legislature at the session of 1832, that the citizens of Burlington had proposed to erect a state house at that place at a cost of \$30,000, provided that town should be made the capital of the state; that the inhabitants of Montpelier and vicinity had proposed to give \$15,000 towards a new state house, to be erected on or near the site of the old one, at a cost of at least \$30,000; the above were the only proposals made. When the subject came before the legislature, it received a full and careful examination, and, in consequence, an act was passed, dated Nov. 8, 1832, 'authorizing the erection of a state house at Montpelier,' and making an appropriation of \$15,000 therefor, provided the inhabitants of Montpelier should guaranty to the state, the payment of an additional sum of \$15,000 towards the object. The act authorized 'the governor to appoint three suitable persons as a committee to fix on a place in Montpelier for erecting said state house,

and to prepare plan for the same,' and to 'appoint some suitable person, or persons, as a committee to superintend the erection of said state house, agreeably to the plan adopted by the committee aforesaid.' The Hon. Samuel C. Crafts, Hon. Allen Wardner, and George T. Hodges, Esq., were appointed the first committee, and the Hon. Lebbeus Egerton was appointed to superintend the building.

The committee met at Montpelier and organized, but, before making much progress in their duties, they decided to visit Concord, N. H., Boston, Mass., Hartford and New Haven, Conn., in company with Ammi B. Young, the architect, whom they had employed to make their plans, for the purpose of examining the state houses in those places, and ascertaining what improvements had been made in such buildings up to that time. They were also accompanied by Gov. Egerton, the superintendent. After a full examination, and deliberation upon the subject, they adopted a plan designed and drawn by Mr. Young, which accorded with their views, and which appeared to be admirably and conveniently arranged for the purposes of legislation; they decided that the building should be located about 250 feet to the north west of the old state house, in order to allow a spacious yard and grounds in front, and that, so far as possible, the exterior should be of Barre dark granite. The roof and dome were to be covered with copper and every part constructed in the most perfect and substantial manner; but, as they did not feel warranted in directing a greater expense for the building than \$60,000, without some further legislative action on the subject, they decided on a finish that would not exceed that sum, and made out a report to the next legislature, recommending the adoption of an im-

proved finish for the building, and more in accordance with their views, but which would make the cost of the building about \$84,000.

The superintendent entered on his duties in February, 1833, at Montpelier, and engaged Mr. Young, the architect who drew the plans, &c. to superintend the carrying of them into execution. All the necessary contracts for lumber, brick, stone, labor, &c. were made during the winter, and April 1st, 1833, the excavations for the foundations, site, &c., were commenced. The foundations of the building lie entirely on a ledge of rocks, which in some places had to be removed to the depth of 25 feet to afford the proper level, and in others was so low as to require a wall of rough stone work of 20 feet in height. The work was pursued with vigor through the season, yet owing to the immense labor of removing the ledge of rocks for the site, only the foundations were laid and in condition to receive the hammered granite, most of which, for the body of the building, was wrought and delivered. The lumber for the building was also delivered, and every thing in connection with the business progressed with the utmost harmony and satisfaction. When the report of the committee, who prepared the plans for the building, came before the legislature at their session in 1833, the subject had another full and perfect examination; the doings of the committee were approved, and directions given to have all their views carried out in the most perfect manner, and another appropriation of \$20,000 was made towards the object. During the next season the walls of the building were erected, the frame of the roof put on, and further excavations on the site carried on. The legislature in the fall made another appropriation

of \$25,000 for the object, and during the succeeding season the works were carried on with activity, and good progress made towards finishing the interior. In the fall of 1835 the legislature appropriated 'the further sum of \$30,000 towards completing and furnishing the house, graduating the yard and making a fence around it.' During the season of 1836, the building was mostly completed except the portico: the several halls and rooms were in part furnished with good and appropriate furniture, so that at their fall session, the legislature were enabled to occupy it, but owing to a misunderstanding between the superintendent and architect in relation to the design for finishing the yard and grounds, little or nothing was done in relation to them during that season.

At the session of 1836, the legislature decided, that the services of the superintendent might be dispensed with, and passed an act making it 'the duty of the governor to appoint some suitable person duly qualified as an architect, to superintend the completion of the state house, and to procure such additional furniture as may be needed to furnish the same, to lay out and finish the yard and grounds around the house, and who shall supersede the committee heretofore appointed' to superintend the erection of said house, 'and fulfil and perform all the duties incumbent on said committee.' Agreeably to the provisions of the said act, the governor appointed Ammi B. Young, Esq. (the architect who had made all the plans and superintended their execution) to that office. The legislature made another appropriation of \$25,000 to carry on the work the next year, during which the building was all completed and furnished, and the grounds and yard nearly finished. At their session of 1837, the

legislature made a further appropriation of \$3,500 to complete the yard and grounds, and previous to the session of 1838 the whole was finished, having been about 5½ years in its erection. On the settlement with the superintendent, it was found that the building, grounds, yard, furniture, &c. had cost the sum of \$132,077.23, from which deduct the \$15,000 paid by Montpelier, leaves \$117,077.23 as the sum paid by the state; this deducted from \$118,500, the whole amount appropriated, left in the treasury \$1,422.77 of the appropriations not expended."

In the evening of January 5, 1857, this building was destroyed by fire and the following from the Vermont Patriot and State Gazette of Jan. 9, 1857, is perhaps the best account:

"The State House was burnt last (Tuesday) evening. Fire was discovered and alarms were sounded at about 7 o'clock and long before 9 o'clock the wood-work of this magnificent and costly structure was in ruins. The firemen with usual promptness were at the scene of destruction—but owing to the intensity of the cold and the remoteness of water (the nearest being the river at the distance of some seventeen hundred feet) they could make no head against the flames.

The hose almost immediately froze and were unserviceable. The multitude then attempted to disfurnish the building and succeeded in rescuing the library, pictures, statues, etc., but no human power could do more. So fierce was the fire that by eight o'clock the dome had fallen.

The walls and massive pillars all being of granite withstood the heat and are uninjured.

All the while the wind blew powerfully from the northwest. An almost incredible shower of fire, when it is con-

sidered that our village was not entirely consumed, fell in every direction to the distance of a mile. Nothing but snow upon the roofs of all the buildings saved us from terrible and promiscuous conflagration.

Our citizens have cause for devout thankfulness to Providence that last night's calamity was not a thousand times greater.

In the morning fire had been put into the furnaces to warm the House for the Constitutional Convention which was to convene on the day following, Wednesday.

The fire caught from the flues and was first seen near the Speaker's Desk in the Representatives Hall.

At that moment however fire was diffused between the ceilings and under the floors so extensively that no amount of water could check it.

The Montpelier Fire Department is the best in the State and never did brave men work more earnestly than the members of it did on this occasion, many even worked after they were frozen in their clothing.

The Capitol was erected in 1832-3-4 at a cost of about \$140,000 and was one of the best and most elegant public structures in the Union.

As the foundations which cost near \$50,000 are not injured and as the walls remain perfect, a comparatively small sum will cover the repair, which may easily be done for the use of the next General Assembly."

The "small sum which will cover the repair" mounted to over one hundred and ten thousand dollars and the loss to Vermont of valuable documents stored in the dome and elsewhere never has and never can be replaced.

The third picture by Mr. Brooks was taken in 1909 and shows an unusual view of the present building.

The Bennington Declaration

The following is a list of the

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Persuaded that the Salvation of the rights and Liberties of America depends
 upon the firm tenor of its inhabitants, in a vigorous prosecution of the
 Measures necessary for its safety, and convinced of the necessity of preventing the Anarchy
 and Confusion which attend a dissolution of the Power of Government, we the
 and inhabitants of the town of Bennington, on the New Hampshire Grants, in the
 County of Albany and Province of New York, being greatly alarmed at the avowed design
 of the Ministry to raise a Revenue in America, and shocked by the bloody and now
 daily in the Massachusetts Bay, and in the most solemn manner, to take away the
 Rights, and to appoint Taxes, all the ties of Religion, Honor, and Love to our Country, and
 to endeavor to carry into Execution, what the Congress recommended by the
 Continental Congress, or resolved upon by the Provincial Conventions for the purpose
 of preparing our Constitution, and opposing the Execution of several arbitrary and
 oppressive Acts of the British Parliament, which a Reconciliation between a Great Britain
 and America, on Constitutional Principles, which we most ardently desire, can be
 obtained, and that we will, in all things, follow the Advice of our General Committee
 respecting the Measures aforesaid, the Preservation of Peace and Good Order, and the
 Safety of Individuals and Private Property.

Ebenezer Waterbury
 Eliza Dewey
 Nathan Clark
 Benj. Whipple
 Jonathan Scott

Committee

Jeremiah Carpenter

Josiah ^{Smith} ~~Smith~~
 David ~~Smith~~
 Eliza Harwood
 Benj. Hopkins
 Tho. ~~Smith~~
 Nathaniel ~~Smith~~
 David ~~Smith~~
 Cornelius ~~Smith~~
 Ephraim ~~Smith~~
 John ~~Smith~~
 Samuel ~~Smith~~

Stephen Hopkins
 Josiah Bright
 Isaac ~~Smith~~
 Daniel Mosley
 Saml. Montague
 Green Spencer
 Thomas Supper
 Eliza Armstrong
 Elyse Blackman
 Elyse Clark
 Joseph Safford
 Benish Hutton
 Thomas Howard

Ephraim Smith
 Samuel ~~Smith~~
 Rowen Bass
 Elyse ~~Smith~~
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 Nicholas Supper
 Nathan ~~Smith~~

Bennington's declaration for freedom

The Bennington Declaration For Freedom

"Persuaded that the Salvation of the rights and liberties of America depend under God on the firm union of its inhabitants, in a vigorous prosecution of the measures necessary for its safety and convinced of the necessity of such a dissolution of the Powers of Government; we the freeholders and inhabitants of the town of Bennington, on the New Hampshire Grants in the County of Albany and province of N. York being greatly alarmed at the avowed design of the Ministry to raise a revenue in America and shocked by the bloody scene now acting in the Massachusetts bay, do in the most solemn manner resolve never to see Slaves; and to associate under all the ties of religion, honour and love to our Country and Liberties and to Carry into execution what ever Measures may be recommended by the Continental Congress or resolved upon by our Provincial Convention for the purpose of preserving our Constitution and opposing the execution of Several arbitrary and oppressive acts of the British Parliament until a reconciliation between Great Britain and America on Constitutional principles (which we most ardently desire) can be obtained and that we Will in all things follow the advice of our general Committee Respecting the Purpose aforesaid, the preservation of Peace and Good Order and the Safety of Individuals and Private Property."

THE BENNINGTON DECLARATION
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The signers were:

Ebenezer Wood,	Reuben Bass,
Elijah Dewey,	Elisha Higgens,
Nathan Clark,	Griffin Briggs,
Benjamin Whipple,	Jonathan Scott,
Jonathan Scott, Jr.,	Archelas Tupper,
Jeremiah Carpenter,	Nathan Clark, Jr.,
Josiah Fuller,	Stephen Hopkins,
David Bates,	Josiah Brush,
Eleazer Harwood,	David Safford,
Benjamin Hopkins,	Roswel Mosley,
Thomas Jewett,	Samuel Montague,
Nathaniel Lawrence,	Gideon Spencer,
Samuel Atwood, Jr.,	Thomas Tupper,
David Whipple,	Lebbeus Armstrong,
Cornelius Cady,	Samuel Blackmer,
Ephraim Wood,	Cyrus Clark,
John Smith,	Joseph Safford,
Samuel Smith,	Berijah Hulbert,
Ephraim Smith,	Ithamar Hebard.
Samuel Atwood,	

The above document was presented to the Vermont Historical Society accompanied by the following letter:

HALL FARM HOUSE.

NORTH BENNINGTON, VERMONT, Sept. 30, 1912.

"VERMONT HISTORICAL SOCIETY,

Montpelier, Vt.

Gentlemen:—

Herewith enclosed you will find a document signed by a Committee and many of the inhabitants of Bennington

declaring that they resolved never to become slaves and associating themselves together to defend their liberties.

It is undated but bears internal evidence of having been put out early in 1775. That the resolve by the signers to defend their liberties was no empty boast is proved by their acts.

Dewey fought as Captain in the Battle of Bennington and of the signers, Armstrong, Briggs, Cyrus Clark, Nathan Clark, Jr., Hebard, Higgins, Hulbert, Jewett, Mosley and Ephraim Smith fought under him, and Brush, David and Joseph Safford, Spencer and Archelas Tupper fought in Capt. Samuel Robinson's Company. The name of John Smith appears on the rolls of both companies in that battle. Both Atwoods, Blackmer, Fuller, both Hopkins, Lawrence, Montague, Jonathan Scott, Benjamin Whipple, both Woods, as well as many of those who fought under Dewey and Robinson at Bennington, went out on various alarms along the borders. Nathan Clark, Jr., Benjamin Hopkins and Archelas Tupper were killed, the first in the Battle of Bennington and Tupper while on a scout—it was the letter of regret for his death from the British commander which created such a disturbance in the American camp as is narrated by Ira Allen.

Many of the others who from their advanced age or from some other cause did not take part in actual fighting, did their share in winning independence by their services in committees and in council.
Its history, so far as I know it, is brief. For many years it was in the Phil Hubbell house at Bennington Center and was given by Miss Gertrude Hubbell to George A. Robinson who recently sold it to a New York speculator, who put it

up with other papers and books at auction in New York, where I bought it.

It gives me great pleasure in behalf of my father John G. McCullough, my uncle Frederic B. Jennings and myself to present the declaration to the Society.

Respectfully yours,

HALL PARK McCULLOUGH."

This declaration against the tyranny of the government and forces of King George of Great Britain was signed by men of Vermont residing in and near Bennington at an early day.

It is extremely unfortunate that it was not dated, but it is known to have been formulated in 1775. As to the month in that year in which it had birth we know that "our Provincial Convention" first convened on May 22, 1775.

It is indeed true that this declaration may have been drawn up during the convening of that body but from the general tone of its wording and from an allusion it does not make it seems to have been done prior to the actual meeting of the Provincial Congress on May 22nd or of the Continental Congress on May 10th and thus antedated the twentieth day of May, 1775, the generally accepted date of the famous Mecklenberg Declaration in North Carolina.

"The bloody scene now acting in Massachusetts bay" must have opened on April 19, 1775, at the battle of Lexington, hence the document may be said to be subsequent to that date.

But on the 10th of May, 1775, occurred the taking of Ticonderoga by Ethan Allen and many other men of Vermont on the very shores of the "Grants."

This victory for the American colonies, which was the first lowering of the British flag was tremendous, instantly heralded and far reaching in its effect on the courage of our forces.

The occasion was one of immediate and intense pride to Vermonters and all the facts were at once known and discussed in Bennington not sixty miles away. Had this victory occurred prior to the birth of the Bennington Declaration it seems almost impossible of belief that these men in this document should have ignored mention of this occurrence within their own borders, hence the deduction is fairly drawn that it was signed between April 19th and May 10th, 1775, and before the actual convening of the Continental Congress on that date or of the "Provincial Convention" on May 22nd.

Drawn up by men in the wilderness far removed at the time from the haunts of greater civilization and actual strife, it marks its true epoch in history. Incensed by the wrongs perpetrated against them and their countrymen they knew no fear in signing this paper and that their signatures were neither idle, meaningless or puerile is evidenced by the fact that at least twenty-seven of those thirty-nine men are known to have shouldered their muskets and gone forth to participate in the Battle of Bennington and other conflicts, some of them dying on the field of honor and all fighting for the welfare of civilization.

A careful reading of the text of this Declaration should and does fill Vermonters with a just pride in the fact that THEIR forbears were among the very first to see their right to freedom.

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FOREWORD.

Mr. Marcus D. Gilman states in his valuable work, "The Bibliography of Vermont" in regard to the work of Mr. Zadock Thompson:

"We publish at the expense of the State of Vermont glowing eulogies upon our ephemeral politicians, such as members of Congress, etc., and upon our military heroes, as we call them, and yet the services of such a man as Mr. Thompson will endure in the grateful memory of succeeding generations long after the classes named have passed into oblivion and be remembered no more."

Zadock Thompson's "History of Vermont" has been for years a standard work on the history of our State. This old leather bound book, now musty with age, has ever been an unfailing spring of information, bubbling with historic facts to delight the minds of the youth of the State. What a pleasure it was to many of us in our youth to read from its pages, yellowed with age, the history of our State. His accounts of the Indian depredations made the facts he records a living present; and in fancy we saw the Indian skulking in our forests and heard his shrill war cry ring out in the calm of the night. His record of the heroes of the early days fired our hearts with a loyalty for the State and inspired us with a spirit of emulation.

As the compiler of this index has read the history written by Mr. Thompson, he has been impressed with the great wealth of historical facts stored in the pages of the work; and it is his desire that the index, herewith transmitted to the Society, will be of material assistance to the historian and the general reader and that it will make the history more useful for a ready work of reference. The compiler also wishes to acknowledge the valuable service rendered him by G. Harold Ellis, formerly of Northfield, for his assistance in the work.

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REVEREND ZADOCK THOMPSON, A. M.

One of the ablest historians and naturalists of Vermont was the Rev. Zadock Thompson, born in Bridgewater, Vermont, May 23, 1796, and son of Barnabas and Sarah (Fuller) Thompson.

The Thompson family is of Welsh descent and trace their ancestry to John Thompson, (or Thomson) as he spelled his name, born in the North of Wales in 1616. About 1636 he emigrated to America, settling at Plymouth, Mass. He was a capable carpenter and in company with Richard Church built the first framed meeting house in Plymouth, in 1637. He later removed to Sandwich where he purchased a farm. About 1640 he purchased a large tract of land of William Wetis-pa-quin, a sachem of the Neponset tribe of Indians, about thirteen miles west of Plymouth near the boundary lines of Bridgewater and Middleboro in what was then known as Plymouth, but now Halifax. Here he built his log cabin and cleared his farm.

He at once took a prominent part in the civic and business life of the new town. During King Philip's war he was active in the military service of the colony. He was commissioned lieutenant-commander of the forces from his town and is said to have repeatedly saved the settlement at Halifax and Middleboro from the attacks of the Indians through "his superior skill and well timed caution."

Lieutenant Thompson became a prosperous farmer and was one of the most respected citizens of his town. He died in Halifax, June 16, 1696, and was buried in Middleboro.

He married December 26, 1645, Mary Cooke, daughter of Francis Cooke, one of the "Pilgrim Fathers," who emigrated to Massachusetts in the Mayflower in 1620. Mrs. Thompson was born in 1626 and died March 21, 1714. Eleven children were born to Lieut. John and Mary (Cooke) Thompson: 1 Adam, who died young. 2 John, born in 1648, married Mary Tinkham. 3 Mary, born in 1650, married Capt. Thomas Taber, and settled near Bedford, Mass. 4 Esther, born July 28, 1652, married William Reed. 5 Elizabeth, born Jan. 28, 1654, married Thomas Swift, and settled in Nobscusset. 6 Sarah, born April 7, 1657, died unmarried. 7 Lydia, born Oct. 5, 1659, married James Soule. 8 Jacob, mentioned below. 9 Thomas, born Oct. 19, 1664, married Mary Morton. 10 Peter, married Rebecca Sturtevant. 11 Mercy, born in 1671, died April 19, 1756. Rev. Zadock Thompson's line of descent from John Thompson is as follows:

(II) Jacob, son of Lieut. John and Mary (Cooke) Thompson, was born in Halifax, Mass., April 24, 1662 and died there Sept. 1, 1726. He was a prominent citizen of

his native town. He married Abigail Wadsworth, who died Sept. 15, 1774. Ten children.

(III) Barnabas, son of Jacob and Abigail (Wadsworth) Thompson, was born in Halifax, Jan. 28, 1705, and died there December 20, 1798. He married Hannah Porter, who died May 2, 1787.

(IV) Noah, son of Barnabas and Hannah (Porter) Thompson, was born in Halifax, March 20, 1747. Soon after the close of the Revolutionary war he removed to Bridgewater, Vermont, where he made his home until his death May 5, 1813. He was a highly respected citizen of the town and prominently identified with its history. He married Priscilla Holmes, who died April 9, 1839. Ten children.

(V) Barnabas, son of Noah and Priscilla (Holmes) Thompson, was born in Halifax, Massachusetts, November 20, 1769 and died in Bridgewater, March 20, 1838. He removed to Vermont with his parents and made his home in Bridgewater until his death. He was a prominent citizen of the town. He took an active interest in military matters and served as captain in the state militia. He married Sarah Fuller. Five children: Barnabas, Zadock, mentioned below, Sally, Salmon and Eliza.

(VI) Rev. Zadock Thompson, after an academic education, entered the University of Vermont, and graduated in 1823 with the degree of bachelor of arts. Later his alma mater, in recognition of his scholarly attainments, conferred upon him the degree of master of arts. During 1823-25, he served as tutor at the University. He then taught school in various towns in Vermont until 1834, when he became principal of an academy in Hatley,

Canada. During 1835-36, he was principal of the Charleston Academy in Stanstead, Canada. He studied theology during his spare time and in May, 1837 he was ordained deacon in the Protestant Episcopal Church. He returned to Burlington in 1837 where he made his home until his death, January 19, 1856. For a few years following 1837 he was instructor at the Vermont Episcopal Institute in Burlington.

In early boyhood he had great love for all objects in nature. Nothing pleased him more than to wander in the fields and woods and study the plants and the habits of the animals. During his college course he made botany, zoology and geology his specialty, and in these subjects he became a recognized authority. During 1845-47, he was assistant State Geologist and from 1853 until his death was the State Geologist. One of his great undertakings was the collecting of over 3,000 specimens of Vermont productions. He served as professor of natural history at the University of Vermont during 1851-56 and as professor of chemistry in 1851-54.

He was also an able mathematician and as early as 1819 began publishing an almanac. He made the astronomical observations for the Vermont Register for many years; and from 1822 until his death he was the astronomical editor of Walton's Vermont Register.

He was a prolific writer. His first book was a "Gazetteer of the State of Vermont, containing a brief General View of the State," a work containing an historical and topographical description of all the counties, towns and rivers; also a map and several cuts; 12 mo., 310 pp., published by E. P. Walton in 1824.

His most important work and on which he worked for many years was his "History of Vermont, Natural, Civil and Statistical." This work was printed by Chauncey Goodrich in 1842 and contained three parts of 224, 224 and 200 pages, a map of the State and 200 cuts.

In 1853 he published his "Appendix to the History of Vermont, Natural and Statistical." The work was printed by Stacey and Jameson and contained 63 pages and one map. This appendix was also bound with the edition of 1842 and issued as a revised edition of the work.

His other works are: "History of Vermont from Its Settlement to the Close of the Year 1832," 18 mo., 252 pp.; also another edition of the same was printed by Smith and Harrington, Burlington, 1836. "The Youth's Assistant in Practical Arithmetic designed for the use of Schools in the United States," 8 vo., 160 pp., David Watson, Woodstock, 1825.

"The Youth's Assistant in Theoretic and Practical Arithmetic, designed for the use of Schools of the United States"; a second edition of this work with corrections and additions, David Watson, Woodstock; also another edition printed by E. & T. Mills, Burlington, 1828, a work of 58 pp.

"Thompson's New Arithmetic," 12 mo., 216 pp., David Watson, Woodstock, 1828.

"Thompson's New Arithmetic, the Youth's Assistant," 12 mo., 216 pp., David Watson, Woodstock, 1829.

"Geography and History of Lower Canada, designed for the use of Schools," 12 mo., 116 pp., map, Watson & Gaylord, 1835.

"The Youth's Assistant in Theoretic and Practical Arithmetic," 10th edition, 12 mo., 168 pp., Vernon Harrington, Burlington, 1837.

"Guide to Lake George, Lake Champlain, Montreal and Quebec," with map, tables of distances and route from Albany, Burlington, Montreal, etc., 24 mo., 48 pp., Burlington, 1845.

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**“Memoranda
Exhumation of the
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on the 15th October
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**Being THAT DAY 25 Years
on which he arrived at
ST. HELENA
Say 15th October, 1815”**

*From an original manuscript by an eye-witness, in the
possession of the Vermont Historical Society.*

GRAFTON, VT., April 13, 1869.

REV. P. H. WHITE,

Dear Sir:—I send you a manuscript entitled “Memoranda—Exhumation of the Mortal Remains of the late Napoleon Buonaparte, etc.” It was given me by S. W. Goodridge, Jr., who obtained it at St. Helena on his way home from China a good many years ago.

Some official with whom he became acquainted and who doubtless set little value upon such things was about leaving at the time and gave it to him. I told Mr. G. I should send it to some officer of the Vermont Historical Society in his name.

Though accounts of the ceremonies may have appeared at the moment and since then in many journals, this manuscript may still be of interest to such as attach value to personal local and historical association. It was written as he was assured at the time of the exhumation some twenty-nine years ago. It certainly looks as though it might have been.

Yours very truly,

CHARLES BARRETT.

A Literal Transcript of the Document

MEMORANDA of the Arrival of H. M. C. Majesty's ships la “Belle Poule” and la “Favorite” at the Island Saint Helena and the proceedings which took place relative to the removal to France of the Mortal Remains of Napoleon Buonaparte.

On the 8th of October, 1840, arrived at Saint Helena His Most Christian Majesty's Frigate la "Belle Poule," commanded by His Royal Highness the Prince de Joinville and H. M. C. M. sloop the la "Favorite." Captain Guyer from France bringing Comte de Chabot, Lieutenant-General Bertrand, Lieutenant-General Gourgard, Baron de Las Casas, Monsieur Marchand, Monsieur Bertrand and four of Napoleon's former domestics—(Monsieur St. Dennis, Noverrax, Archambault and Pierron). There were also on board for the occasion Monsieur L'Abbé Felix Coquereau (Chaplain) and Doctor Guillard and Monsieur le Rou, the plumber.

Immediately after the "Belle Poule" let go her anchor she was visited by the authorities of the place who paid their respects to His Royal Highness—immediately after the Frigate was saluted by Her Majesty's Brigantine "Dolphin" then lying at anchor, which was instantly returned. The Frigate saluted the Fort and it was immediately answered. On the following morning at eleven o'clock His Royal Highness landed under a salute from the "Belle Poule" and "Dolphin," on his reaching the landing place the Fort saluted him which was returned by the Frigate. At the moment of putting his foot upon the shore His Royal Highness and Suite were met by the public authorities under a military escort of a Guard of Honor. On reaching the Castle His Royal Highness condescended to be introduced to all the military and civil functionaries and principal inhabitants. In about one half an hour after this (carriages having been provided for the occasion) His Royal Highness and Suite started off for the Tomb and Long Wood, from which they returned in about five hours,

when they rested for a short time at the Castle taking some slight refreshments, and shortly after returned to the Frigate. On the following day the Prince and Suite landed and paid another visit at the Castle at which place he was again met by the authorities at a dinner provided at Government expense. His Royal Highness' Band attended which performed in the most superior style to the gratification of a large multitude of persons—at about 11 o'clock that night His Royal Highness returned on board. On the 10th the Prince dined with His Excellency The Governor at Plantation House. On the 11th His Royal Highness remained on board and so also on Sunday the 12th and on Monday the 13th. On this last named day His Royal Highness and his Officers were invited to dine with the Officers of Her Majesty's 91st Regiment at the Mess House, but the Prince not feeling well did not attend. On the following day the French Officers of the la "Favorite" and of H. M. C. M. Brig. "Oreste" (bound for Buenos Ayres) dined at that Mess, and on the same day His Royal Highness entertained a select party on board the "Belle Poule," on the above day was landed from the "Belle Poule" a most splendid sarcophagus brought from France to deposit the remains of Napoleon, which, and the Hearse, were sent up to the Tomb on the following day with a rich and most superb pall the latter also brought for the occasion. On the 14th a Lieutenant and 40 Rank and file of H. M. 91st Regiment proceeded from town to guard the Tomb and to remain there during the exhumation.

The first commencing of the opening of the Tomb took place at half past twelve o'clock a. m. on the 15th, which commenced in solemnity and silence, when the following

named persons were present, viz.: on the part of France, Ferdinand Augustus de Rohan Chabot, Knight of His Royal Order of the Legion of Honor, Secretary of Embassy, Commissioner in virtue of full powers intrusted to him by His Majesty Louis Phillippe to preside in the name and on the part of France at the exhumation and removal of the Mortal Remains of the Hero buried pro tempore in St. Helena and at their delivery by Great Britain by the determination of the two Governments likewise, Lieutenant General le Comte Bertrand, Lieutenant General Monsieur LeBaron Gourgand (Aid de Camp to the King of the French), Monsieur le Baron LasCasas (Member of the Chambers of Deputies), Monsieur Marchand (Executor to Napoleon), Monsieur Arthur Bertrand, Messieurs St. Dennis, Archambault, Pierron, and Noverrax (the former domestics of Napoleon), Monsieur L'Abbé Felix Coquereau (Chaplain on the occasion from France), Captain Guyer of the sloop La "Favorite," Captain Doret of the Brig. "Oreste," Captain of the Frigate la "Belle Poule," and Doctor Guillard (sent for the specific occasion at the exhumation) with the plumber Monsieur Le Rou. Also were present the British Commissioner Captain Charles C. Alexander of the Royal Engineers (who was deputed as such by His Excellency the Governor), Major General Midlemore, Companion of the Bath, (who being then so unwell as not to be able at so early an hour to attend, his habitation at Plantation House, being distant from the Tomb at least 3 miles), His Honor Chief Justice Wm. Wilde, Esq., a member of the St. Helena Council. The Honorable Lt. Colonel Trelawney commanding the Royal Artillery, also a member of the Council, and Lieutenant

Colonel C. R. G. Hodson, Junior member of the Council, the Commanding Officer of the St. Helena Militia, the Colonial Secretary William Darling who has superintended Napoleon's furniture, and was present at his burial and Lt. Littlehale of a small schooner of war ("Dolphin") with the workmen to be employed in performing the task of taking up the remains.

The Tomb was at this time, in the presence of the above named persons, found as entire and perfect as it was immediately after the interment of Napoleon on the 9th May 1821. The first thing removed was the iron railing which encompassed the top part of the Tomb and the stone coping in which it had been inserted. The surface occupied a space of about 12 feet by 8 feet, covered with 3 slabs of Portland stone, half a foot in thickness, resting upon masonry embraced by iron bands; these slabs were displaced a little before two o'clock. Immediately was exposed to view a wall being the 4 sides of the vault whose dimensions (sides) were 1 foot four inches, width 4 feet 8 inches, depth 11 feet, length 8 feet. Immediately under the 3 slabs there was a vacuum of 6 inches. When the earth was taken away there was a solid layer of Roman cement to the extent of 6 feet 10 inches. In a short time this was all taken away by much exertion with chisels. The commissioners, all the time watchful with a number of lighted lanterns, attending, then descended as far as the progress of the work would allow them, for the purpose of ascertaining whether all was right. At this moment when the layer of cement had been removed a bed of 10½ inches of masonry of hard stone was exposed to view, strongly secured by iron clamps and well cemented. Nearly

five hours were expended to accomplish this part of the work, which at one time the English commissioner thought he would not have been able to accomplish and he therefore saw fit to issue orders to clear away the exterior earth to commence to take down the north side of the vault to effect an entrance to the Chamber in which lay the remains of the Great Deceased, but by eight o'clock the object without this operation, being finally accomplished, he gave directions to desist. At this time the workmen had got to the depth of nearly six feet. When this masonry had been finally removed there was found immediately under, a Portland stone slab about one half a foot thick, 6 feet 7½ inches long by 3 feet wide covering and forming the upper surface of the Chamber. All around this was as perfect as the day it was first placed. Into these slabs in order to raise them were inserted holes with chisels and iron rings put there so as to lift them. At this moment came nearly ten o'clock, when Doctor Guillard purified the Tomb with certain preparations he had previously got ready. The slabs were then lifted to the surface of the earth by tackles fastened to spars and put at the side of the vault, and as soon as Napoleon's coffin came into sight the French Chaplain sprinkled Holy Water all over the Tomb and then read a Psalm "de profundis" at which moment every person present out of respect took off his hat. The Commissioners with their wonted watchfulness again descended into the vault where they found the coffin of Napoleon as sound as it was on the first day of its deposit there, with the exception only of a small part of the bottom which was slightly decayed. It must be observed that the bottom of this Chamber rested upon several small stone pillars equidistant

from each other, so placed with a view that the soakage from the adjoining hill should pass off without injuring the Chamber, which proved to be an excellent plan and precautionary measure. The Governor being unwell at Plantation House had given Captain Alexander orders to proceed thus far without his presence, therefore having so progressed, an officer was sent to report, in interim, precautionary measures were adopted by the surgeon. The coffin was raised to the surface untouched under its bottom sides, and it was afterwards taken to a tent which had been pitched close by for its reception, at which moment the Priest read a laconic prayer agreeably to the Roman Catholic forms.

When the coffin had been thus removed the commissioners stepped into the chamber in which had rested this coffin for upwards of nineteen and one-half years, which chamber was as perfect and as dry as it was on the 9th May 1821. The outside coffin (mahogany) was separated and taken asunder, next to which was one of lead in the highest state of preservation. Arrangements having been previously directed by His Excellency (in consequence of his indisposition) this leaden coffin was hoisted up and placed within the sarcophagus sent from France for that purpose. This done the Governor with his staff made their appearance to witness the opening of the innermost coffin. The upper surface of the leaden coffin was then carefully removed, when another mahogany one was discovered in most excellent state, the lid of the inner one immediately next the remains of Napoleon, made of sheet tin (superficially corroded) was next removed. Then appeared a white satin enveloping the body, which satin was by the

surgeon himself removed, and then the Mortal Remains of the Great Deceased were exposed to view, exposed to several who knew him, and several who knew him not. The features of the Corsican Lieutenant had to all appearance suffered but very little, they were readily recognized (for General Gourgand on beholding them exclaimed "Good! very good!") and the several articles, pictures of his two wives, coins, vca, vca, vca which had been placed around him within the coffin, appeared as they were on the day of interment. Napoleon's hands were in the same position and place in which his faithful Bertrand had nearly twenty years before placed them, and looked in a high state of preservation. His order, his uniform, his cocked hat (which has ever been identified with his person) were but very little injured by the hand of time, and the whole wore the air of very recent deposit. Part of the satin appeared to have insinuated itself into the skin of the face. Two minutes only elapsed for this exposure, more to afford the surgeon time to use certain preventatives to further decomposition. The tin coffin was then closed and soldered, the mahogany one secured and the leaden one soldered, the other leaden one within and belonging to the sarcophagus sent from France was likewise soldered and sealed when the sarcophagus was locked and the key then handed to Comte de Chabot, the French commissioner, by Captain Alexander, the English commissioner. This sarcophagus, after some formalities of expressions between the commissioners, was then placed on the hearse and covered with the pall (a very rich one made of violet velvet) and at between three and four o'clock the procession proceeded from the Tomb in the undermentioned order :

St. Helena Militia, commanded by Lt. Col. William H. Seale,
 Detachment of H. M. 91st Regiment, commanded by Cap't. Blackwell,
 Drums and Fifes Militia, playing the Portuguese hymn,
 L'Abbé Felix Coquereau in full robes with a book, preceded by two boys (Enfans de Chœur) carrying a Crucifix and a censor,
 The hearse (drawn by four horses with drivers in deep mourning and containing
 THE MORTAL REMAINS OF
 NAPOLEON BUONAPARTE
 (escorted on each side by eight or ten Royal Artillerymen),
 The Pall, borne by Lieutenant General Comte Bertrand,
 Lieutenant General Baron Gourgangand,
 Monsieur LeBaron de LasCasas,
 Monsieur Marchand,
 St. Helena Militia, with drag ropes,
 Messrs. St. Dennis, Archambault, Pierron and Noverrax,
 The Comte de Chabot, as chief mourner, attended by
 Captains Guyer and Chauser,
 Monsieur Arthur Bertrand, followed by
 Monsieur Coursot (a former servant of Napoleon),
 Captain Doret and Dr. Guillard,

Civil, Naval and Military Authorities of St.
Helena according to rank,
The Reverend Wm. Helps (Military Chaplain),
Inhabitants of the Island in mourning,
The Honorable Chief Justice and Queens Ad-
vocate,
Several gentlemen and ladies (passengers in ves-
sels then lying in the Roads),
His Excellency the Governor and his staff, (All
on foot and many with hats off).

The procession passed into the town to the place of embarkation through the ranks of the militia and the 91st regiment resting on their arms reversed, who lined the main street to the wharf, the colors at the foreign consulates at half mast. At the moment it left the tomb the firing of minute guns commenced at the tower at High Knoll which continued until it entered the town. The "Belle Poule," "Favorite," and "Oreste" commenced firing at the same time with all their yards crossed. About 4¼ o'clock the procession entered the town when the line and east and west bastions took up the firing at which time High Knoll and the Men of War ceased.

At twenty minutes to six o'clock the hearse with the Mortal Remains of Napoleon reached the wharf where His Royal Highness the Prince de Joinville accompanied by His Aid de Camp and the French officers of the three vessels of war received the same into his sacred charge which was after some little delay lowered by the crane into a state barge having two French flags and three gilt eagles in and outside prepared for the occasion. In this boat were His Royal Highness and Aid de Camp, Gen-

erals Bertrand and Gourgand, LeComte de Chabot and Monsieur Las Casas, the Priest, Captain Chanier, Monsieur Marchand and Bertrand. (This barge was rowed by thirty-two men). *Hats off.*

Then followed:

Three boats } —————	{	Four boats with officers & Napoleon's domestics
with officers } —————		

One half minute strokes at oars.

At the moment of lowering the sarcophagus into the barge, the "Belle Poule," "Favorite" and "Oreste" fired each an Imperial salute (each vessel 101 guns in three time, three vollies each) yards squared and manned and colors hoisted from half mast and vessels dressed out with flags. The line and H. M. B. "Dolphin" during the whole time of the procession also kept up the firing of minute guns and during the time of getting everything ready for lowering the sarcophagus into the barge His Royal Highness' band played several tunes fitted for the occasion.

It was about sunset when the procession reached the "Belle Poule." All the flags remained up all night. At eight o'clock following morning (15th) the flags of "Favorite" and "Oreste" were hoisted at half mast and their yards crossed. At ten o'clock Mass was performed on board the "Belle Poule" during which the "Favorite" and "Oreste" fired minute guns. At eleven and one half o'clock a quick firing took place on board the "Favorite" and "Oreste," yards squared, when the Frigate struck all the dress flags and continued up to and at her departure with the French flag flying at the main. At two o'clock p. m. on the 16th His Royal Highness came on shore and paid a visit to His Excellency the Governor at Plantation

House, and shortly after returned to his Frigate for good. The "Belle Poule," both before and after the procession, has been open to the public.

There is an apartment on board fitted up as a chapel about 15 feet square for the reception of the sarcophagus. It is lined with black velvet in twenty-four small panels, sprinkled all over with twenty-three silver stars in each panel, festooned with silver fringe and cord, and silver tassels. There is an altar with some latin prayers on it and there is a crucifix over it at one end of the chapel. The sarcophagus is supported at the corners from the deck with four gilt eagles. On the top of it is placed an embroidered black velvet cushion, on the cushion a gilded crown covered with thin black crape. Suspended from the ceiling, immediately over the crown, is a gilded ball having a cross on its top. In the chapel are also four skeleton pyramids (two at each side of the chapel) with candles lighted. Suspended to the ceiling are also four vessels to burn incense in. (The floor covered with canvas and painted with black and white diamond squares.) The pall used at the funeral is here also employed with the sarcophagus, which is said to have cost 25,000 francs. This pall is made of rich violet velvet bespattered with embroidered gold bees, a double border embroidered in gold, at each corner an eagle with crowns on their heads and surrounded with stars within a circle (all embroidered in gold) the pall bordered with ermine and through its whole body a large white cross worked with silver, to all appearance like lace. The sarcophagus is made of black ebony, highly polished, resting on four bronzed feet, "Napoleon" in brass letters are let in on the top, and the letter "N" in brass let

in on each of two sides. The inside has the death and age of the deceased as King and Emperor of France.

The French commissioner has presented the following in behalf of the French Government, viz.:

£300————to the poor of the Island

£200————to be distributed among the persons
employed at the exhumation of
Napoleon.

He has likewise presented Captain Alexander with a beautiful gold snuff box with Louis Phillippe's crest on it set round with brilliants. To Colonel Trelawney a handsome fowling piece, and about thirty silver medals were handed to Captain Alexander to be distributed at his discretion. On one side is the portrait of the French King with "Louis Phillippe Roi des Francais," and on the other side is "Loi due 10 Quin 1840 ordonnant

"la translation des Rester Mortels de L'

"Empereur Napoleon de L'Isle Sainte

"Helene à L'Egleside de L'Hotel Yoyal

"des Invalids de Paris-Et la construction

"de son Tombeau Frais de Cétal

"S. A. R. le Prince de Joinville

"Capitaine de Vaisseau Commandant

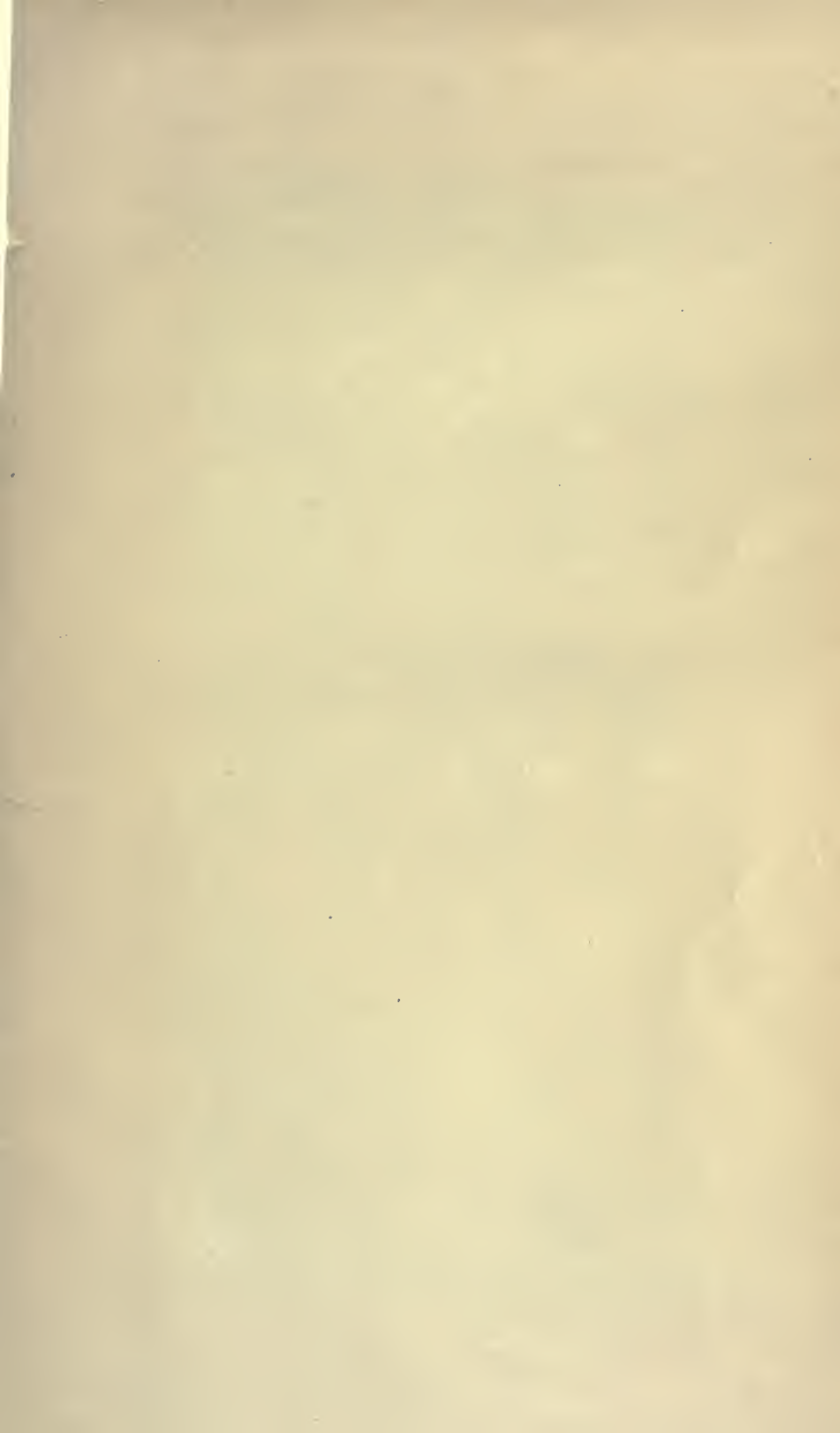
"de l'Expedition."————

Several small sums were likewise distributed by the Prince, the commissioner and others of his suite. It must not however be forgotten here to mention that the beautiful silk flag which was hoisted in the state barge and afterwards continued to be displayed at the main top gallant mast of the "Belle Poule" and which, it is understood, will

be again used at the landing of Napoleon's remains in France, was made by Miss Gideon, whose mother and sister (Mrs. Bovell) Miss Seale and Miss Bertha Hammond and her sister with the Miss Andrews assisted in the work under Miss Gideon's directions. To Miss Gideon the Prince, by his aid-de-camp, presented a most splendid bracelet; set in emeralds and pearls, Miss B. Hammond received a silver medal. To W. Gideon was presented by a Lieutenant of the "Belle Poule" a cast in plastered paris of Napoleon; face done by Doctor Antomarchi.

The outside mahogany coffin with the slabs removed from the top of the tomb and the chamber, have been taken to France by the "Belle Poule" with some of the willow trees.

It is remarkable that the very day (15th of October 1840) of embarkation of Napoleon's remains to the "Belle Poule," completed twenty-five years. Napoleon having arrived at St. Helena 15th October 1815, in H. M. S. "Northumberland," and what is still more remarkable, the following must appear striking, when he was buried in May 1821, the Honorable East India Company's ship "Waterloo" was at anchor at Saint Helena and several of her crew were present at the funeral, with "Waterloo" lettered on their hats, and when he was disinterred the British ship "La Belle Alliance" lay at anchor there. And further that the house and very room Napoleon occupied the *only* night he slept in town, had been occupied by the Duke of Wellington (then Sir Arthur Wellesly, passing from India to England).





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