

APPENDIX No. V.

ACTS OF THE GENERAL COURT

OF MASSACHUSETTS

AND OF THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,

RELATIVE TO THE ERECTION OF

THE DISTRICT OF MAINE INTO A SEPARATE AND INDEPENDENT STATE.

*An Act in addition to an Act, entitled “An Act relating to the separation of the
“ District of Maine from Massachusetts Proper, and forming the same into a
“ separate and independent State.”*

Appendix.
No. 5.

Act of Massa-
chusetts relative
to the erection of
Maine into an In-
dependent State.

SEC. 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the consent of the Legislature of this Commonwealth be, and the same is hereby given, that the District of Maine may be formed and erected into a separate and independent State, upon the terms and conditions, and in conformity to the enactments contained in an act, entitled “an act relating to the separation of the District of Maine from Massachusetts Proper, and forming the same into a separate and independent State,” whenever the Congress of the United States shall give its consent thereto, any thing in the said act limiting the time when such consent should be given, to the contrary notwithstanding: Provided, however, that if the Congress of the United States shall not have given its consent, as aforesaid, before the fifteenth day of March next, then all parts of the act, to which this is an addition, and all matters therein contained, which by said act have date or operation from or relation to the fifteenth day of March next, shall have date and operation from and relation to the day on which the Congress of the United States shall give its consent, as aforesaid: Provided also, that if the Congress of the United States shall not give its consent, as aforesaid, within two years from the fourth day of March next, this present act shall be void and of no effect.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, That if it shall not be known on the first Monday of April next, that the Congress of the United States has given its consent, as aforesaid, the people of the said District of Maine shall elect, provisionally, a Governor, Senators and Representatives, or other officers necessary to the organization of the government thereof as a separate and independent State, according to the provisions of the constitution of government agreed to by the people of the said District. And the persons so elected shall assemble at the time and place designated by the said constitu-

tion, if the consent of Congress, as aforesaid, shall be given during the present session thereof, but not otherwise; and when assembled, as aforesaid, and having first determined on the returns and qualifications of the persons elected, they shall have the power as delegates of the people for that purpose, to declare on behalf and in the name of the people, the said elections of such persons to be constitutional and valid, for the respective offices and stations for which they shall have been elected, as aforesaid. And if such declaration shall not be made before the persons so elected shall proceed to transact business as the Legislature of said State, the said election shall be wholly void, unless it shall appear that the consent of Congress, aforesaid, shall have been given on or before the said first Monday of April next. And if the consent of Congress, as aforesaid, shall be given after the said first Monday of April next, and the persons so elected, when assembled, as aforesaid, shall not declare the said election valid and constitutional, as aforesaid, within ten days from the last Wednesday of May next, then they shall cease to have any power to act in any capacity for the people of the said District, by virtue of their elections, as aforesaid; and the people shall again choose Delegates to meet in Convention, in the manner, for the purposes, and with the powers set forth in the third and fourth sections of the act to which this is in addition; the said elections of such Delegates to be made on the first Monday of July next, and the Delegates to meet in Convention at Portland, on the first Monday of September next.

Appendix
No. 5.

American Act relative to the erection of Maine into an Independent State.

Act of Massachusetts, 25 February, 1820.

[Approved by the Governor, February 25th, 1820.]

AN ACT

FOR THE ADMISSION OF THE STATE OF MAINE INTO THE UNION.

Whereas, by an Act of the State of Massachusetts, passed on the nineteenth day of June, in the year one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, entitled "An Act relating to the separation of the District of Maine from Massachusetts Proper, and forming the same into a separate and independent State," the people of that part of Massachusetts, heretofore known as the District of Maine, did, with the consent of the Legislature of said State of Massachusetts, form themselves into an independent State, and did establish a constitution for the government of the same, agreeably to the provisions of said Act. Therefore,

Act of Congress of 3d March, 1820

SEC. 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, that from and after the fifteenth day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty, the State of Maine is hereby declared to be one of the United States of America, and admitted into the Union on an equal footing with the original States, in all respects whatever.

[Approved, 3d March, 1820.]

APPENDIX, No. VI.

Extract from Guthrie's Geographical Grammar. See printed copy of the work, Article "Scotland."

No. 6.

Extract from Guthrie's Grammar.