Commonwealth of Massachusetts. In the House of representatives, June 18, 1794.

WHEREAS an accurate map of this Commonwealth will tend to facilitate and promote such information and improvements as will be favorable to its growth and prosperity and will otherwise be highly useful and important on many public and private occasions ... [Boston

Resolved, That the inhabitants of the several towns and districts in the Commonwealth, be, and they hereby are required to take or cause to be taken by their Selectmen, or some other suitable person or persons, appointed for that purpose, accurate plans of their respective towns or districts upon a scale of two hundred rods to an inch, and upon a survey hereafter actually to be made, or that has actually been made within seven years next preceding this time, and the same plans to lodge in the Secretary's office, free of expense to the Commonwealth, on or before the first day of June, in the year 1795.

And be it further Resolved, That on each of said plans the place where any other town or district line meets or joins the line of any town or district respectively, the names and course of rivers, the bridges over rivers, the course of county roads, the situation of houses for public worship, courthouses, the reputed or actually known and admeasured distance of the centre of the town or district from the shire town of the county, and from the metropolis of the Commonwealth in the several roads usually travelled, the length and the course by the magnetic needle of the boundary lines of the town or district, the scale on which such plan shall be taken, and the time when the actual survey was, or shall have been made, shall be inserted, specified, delineated or described; and any lands belonging to the Commonwealth within the limits of any town or district, or adjoining thereto in any place unincorporated, shall be particularly noted; and the reputed or known quantity of such land specified.
And to prevent as much as may be any errors which might arise by having the lines between towns run at different times by surveyors of different adjoining towns: *Be it further Resolved,* That it shall be the duty of the person or persons, appointed for the purposes aforesaid by the most ancient town or district adjoining to any other town or district to give notice in writing unto the Selectmen of such adjoining town or district, of the time and place of meeting, for running such line or lines, ten days before-hand and it shall be the duty of the town or district whose Selectmen shall be so notified, to appoint and require some suitable person or persons to attend on the behalf of such town or district, with the person or persons so notifying, for the purpose of running such line or lines. And where the line or lines between adjoining towns or between adjoining towns and districts is or are unsettled and in dispute; in such cases there shall be specified on the respective plans of such towns and districts, the several lines in contest, stating accurately and particularly the difference of such claimed lines of boundary and division, in their distance, course and bearing from each other.

*And be it further Resolved,* That the inhabitants of any of the towns or districts aforesaid, who shall neglect to take and lodge in the Secretary's office, the plans required as aforesaid, within the time above limited therefor, shall forfeit and pay to the use of the Commonwealth, the sum of forty pounds; which sum shall be added to such delinquent town's or district's proportion of the State tax, which may be granted next after the first day of June, in the year 1795, aforesaid.

*And be it further Resolved,* That the committee for the sale of the Eastern lands, be, and hereby are directed to procure and furnish plans of townships not incorporated, and such other documents as may be necessary to form and complete a Map of the five Eastern counties, commonly called the district of Maine. And the said committee are hereby also authorized and directed, to require of the grantees and claimants of any tracts of land in the same district, to exhibit to them plans of their respective grants and claims for the purpose aforesaid.

*And be it further Resolved,* That there be inserted, delineated, described or specified in the several plans aforesaid, the breadth of rivers, the number and reputed magnitude of ponds, the falls of water, mountains, manufactories, mills, mines and minerals, and of what sort, iron works and furnaces, situated in the said several towns and districts respectively.

And the Secretary of this Commonwealth is hereby directed to cause copies of this resolution to be forwarded as soon as may be to the Selectmen of the several towns and districts from which the plans aforesaid are above required, and also to cause the same to be published in the several newspapers in this Commonwealth.
And the Selectmen of such towns and districts respectively, are hereby required immediately after the receipt of such copies, to cause the inhabitants of their several towns and districts, to assemble and meet for the purpose of carrying into effect the foregoing resolutions.

Sent up for concurrence.

EDWARD H. ROBBINS, Speaker.

In Senate, June 26, 1794.

Read and concurred.

SAMUEL PHILLIPS, President.

Approved, June 26, 1794.

SAMUEL ADAMS.

True Copy—Attest, JOHN AVERY, junn. Sec'ry.