

majority of the people of the district of Maine are desirous of establishing a separate and independent government within said district: Therefore,

*“ 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 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, if the people of the said district shall, in the manner, and by the majority hereinafter mentioned, express their consent and agreement thereto, upon the following terms and conditions: And, provided the congress of the United States shall give its consent thereto before the fourth day of March next: which terms and conditions are as follow, viz:*

*“ First.* All the lands and buildings belonging to the commonwealth, within Massachusetts proper, shall continue to belong to said commonwealth; and all the lands belonging to the commonwealth within the district of Maine shall belong, the one half thereof to the said commonwealth, and the other half thereof to the state to be formed within the said district, to be divided as is hereinafter mentioned; and the lands within the said district, which shall belong to the said commonwealth, shall be free from taxation, while the title of the said lands remains in the commonwealth; and the rights of the commonwealth to their lands, within said district, and the remedies for the recovery thereof, shall continue the same, within the proposed state, and in the courts thereof, as they now are within the said commonwealth, and in the courts thereof; for which purposes, and for the maintenance of its rights, and recovery of its lands, the said commonwealth shall be entitled to all other proper and legal remedies, and may appear in the courts of the proposed state, and in the courts of the United States holden therein; and all rights of action for, or entry into lands, and of action upon bonds, for the breach of the performance of the condition of settling duties, so called, which have accrued, or may accrue, shall remain in this commonwealth, to be enforced, commuted, released, or otherwise disposed of, in such manner as this commonwealth may hereafter determine: provided, however, that whatever this commonwealth may hereafter receive or obtain on account thereof, if any thing, shall, after deducting all reasonable charges relating thereto, be divided, one-third part thereof to the new state, and two-third parts thereof to this commonwealth.

*“ Second.* All the arms which have been received by this commonwealth from the United States, under the law of congress, entitled, ‘ An act making provision for arming and equipping the whole body of militia of the United States, passed April the twenty-third, one thousand eight hundred and eight,’ shall, as soon as the said district shall become a separate state, be divided between the two states, in proportion to the returns of the militia, according to which the said arms have been received from the United States as aforesaid.

*“ Third.* All money, stock, or other proceeds, hereafter derived from the United States, on account of the claim of this commonwealth, for disbursements made, and expenses incurred, for the defence of the state during the late war with Great Britain, shall be received by this commonwealth; and when received, shall be divided between the two states, in the proportion of two-thirds to this commonwealth, and one-third to the new state.