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RHODE ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

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Providence, R. I. Nov. 1, 1830.

At an adjourned meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Rhode-Island Historical Society, holden October 25, 1830, the subject of the early history of our Country being under consideration, and the Board being deeply impressed with the importance of procuring every authentic paper and document relative thereto, that it is in our power to obtain, and being also aware that many such documents and papers, of the utmost value for illustrating the transactions and rendering perfect the annals of those periods, are now safely deposited in the public archives of Great Britain, access to which through the liberality of that Government, would be readily granted to any person duly authorized and empowered to make application in the name and behalf of the U. States for the purpose of examining and copying such part or parts as might be deemed useful for the purposes above named, it was

"Voted und Resolved, That Messrs Parsons, Staples and the Secretary, be a Committee to request of the Delegation of this State in Congress, to use their influence to procure the passage of an act of Congress at the ensuing session, to provide for the copying of the papers and documents in the Plantation Office, and other public offices in England, which may relate to the early history of this country; that the said Committee furnish to the said delegation such copies and minutes from the files and records of this Society as contain information relative to the Votes and Proceedings that have been formerly had on this subject; and that they correspond with other Societies in the United States, in order to induce