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READ ON THE SITE OF FORT FREDERIC, ON THE
RECEPTION OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE
MAINE HISTORICAL SOCIETY BY THE
CITIZENS OF BRISTOL,

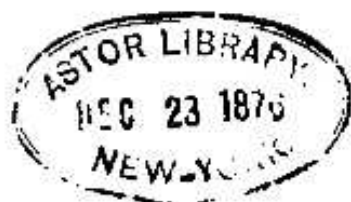
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At a meeting of the Committee of the Maine Historical Society, appointed in February last, to examine and report upon the remains of military defenses, paved streets, and early habitations at "Ancient Pemaquid" (Bristol), held August 26, 1869, on the site of Fort Frederic, it was, on motion, —

Resolved, That the thanks of this Committee, acting for the Society, be tendered to Mrs. Maria W. Hackelton, for the beautiful and appropriate historical poem written by her, for the occasion of the gathering of the citizens of this and the neighboring towns to welcome and aid the Committee in their investigations, and read by her this day; and that a copy thereof be requested of the authoress for preservation in the archives of the Society, and for publication.

EDWARD BALLARD,

Secretary of the Maine Historical Society.

Rev. EDWARD BALLARD, D. D.,

Secretary of the Maine Historical Society:—

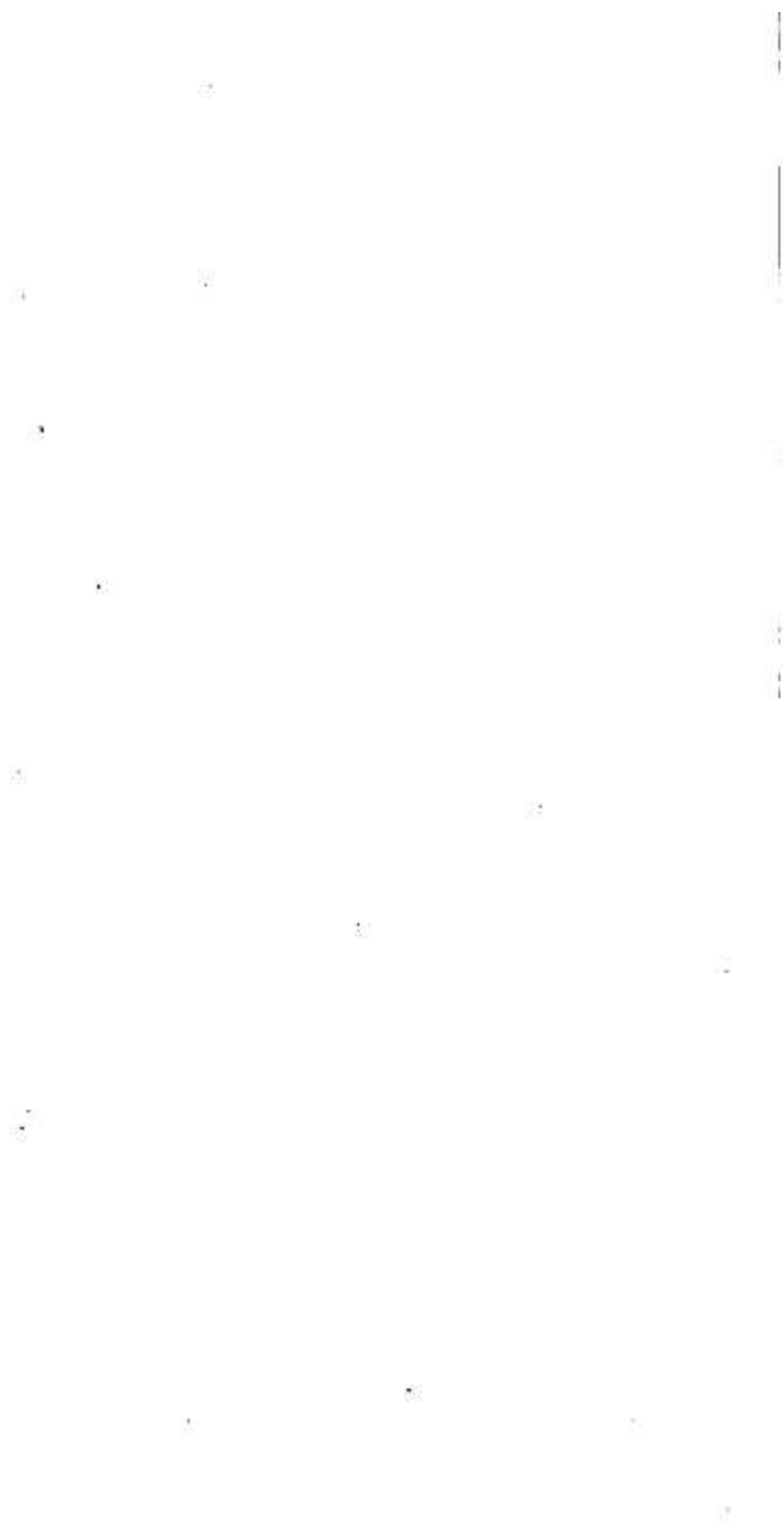
In compliance with the request of the Committee of the Maine Historical Society, given through yourself, I commit to your hands the poem read before the assemblage at the ruins of Fort Frederic, Pemaquid, August 26, 1869, for preservation in the archives of the Society, and for publication.

With full appreciation of the high honor conferred upon me by the gentlemen of the Maine Historical Society, I remain,

Respectfully yours,

MARIA W. HACKELTON.

BRISTOL, September 2, 1869.



PREFATORY NOTICE.

At a special meeting of the Maine Historical Society, held at Augusta in February last, on the motion of Leonard Woods, LL. D., a Committee was appointed to examine and report upon the remains of the ancient fortification at Pemaquid in the town of Bristol, the paved street, and indications of the original settlement connected therewith. The following members were, on nomination, selected for this purpose, namely: Messrs. Bourne, R. K. Sewall, Poor, Bailey, Dike, Woods, Ballard, C. J. Gilman, Bradbury, and North. After consultation, the 25th and 26th days of August were chosen as the time for making the proposed investigation. In the mean while, a correspondence had been carried on with some of the citizens of Bristol; who, cherishing a deep interest in the designs of the Committee, and desirous of facilitating to the utmost their

work in the proposed examinations, secured the appointment of a committee of the town to give a welcome to the representatives of the Society, provide for their hospitable entertainment, and aid them in all suitable ways to accomplish the object of their inquiries. This local committee was composed of William Hackelton, Esq., Hon. David Chamberlain, Hon. Arnold Blaney, Chandler Bearce, Cyrus Fossett, Alexander Yates, James Nichols, Leander Morton, and Charles P. Tibbetts, Esquires.

On the afternoon of the first of the days appointed for the visit, the Committee examined the ancient mill-race, with its side-cuts, at the village of Pemaquid Falls. This excavation is remarkable, principally, for the fact that no tradition exists in relation to its origin. Conjecture reasonably enough ascribes its construction to some portion of the earliest settlers, for carrying saw and grist mills to supply the wants of the ancient town below.

On the next day, the 26th, the Committee assembled at the site of Fort Frederic, the last of the four defensive structures erected at different dates for the protection of the

frontier. Its foundations still remain, with the traces of the bastion at the northeast corner, and of the round tower at the opposite angle that was made to inclose a high pointed rock, for service against future beseigers, as it had before aided for attack. A cannon-ball and the fragment of a shell, doubtless thrown from the battery of Iberville on the rising ground across the bay, of which the outlines still remain, had been taken from the western bank of the defenses, and were presented for observation. By the diligence of some members of the local committee, a portion of the paved street had been laid bare by the removal of the superincumbent soil, to the depth of eight to eighteen inches, over which the plough-share had often been driven in former years. The regular arrangement of the beach-stones, the depression for the water-course to the shore, the curb-stones, the adjoining foundation-stones still in place, articles of household furniture, and implements of the artisan, — all these and other concurring facts proved, beyond the possibility of a doubt, that a European community had dwelt on this spot, and had made this long street in imi-