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HIS EXCELLENCY GOVERNOR HIRAM A. TUTTLE,
COUNCILLOR GEORGE A. RAMDELL, CHAIRMAN, AND MESSRS.
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THE HALE STATUE.

The statue of JOHN PARKER HALE, of Dover, New Hampshire, now standing in front of the capitol at Concord, was tendered to the state by a letter, as follows :

UNITED STATES SENATE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 14, 1890.

To the Governor and Council of the State of New Hampshire :

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to state that I have made a contract for the erection of a statue of John P. Hale in the state house yard at Concord, which I hereby donate to the state of New Hampshire, and ask the acceptance thereof.

The statue will be of the same size as that of Daniel Webster, now in the state house yard, and will be cast at the same bronze foundry in Munich after designs of Mr. F. Von Miller, artist and director of the bronze foundry. It is expected that the statue will be ready and in place for unveiling in the month of September, 1891.

I have requested Col. Daniel Hall to present this communication.

Respectfully,

WM. E. CHANDLER.

On April 22 the offer was considered at a meeting, in Concord, of the governor and council ; pres-

ent : Hon. David A. Taggart, president of the senate, acting as governor, and Councillors Charles H. Horton, Edward C. Shirley, William S. Pillsbury, and Frank C. Churchill.

On motion of Councillor Horton,—

Voted, That the governor and council, in behalf of the state of New Hampshire, cordially and gratefully accept the statue of John P. Hale, donated to the state by the Honorable William E. Chandler, and will reserve for it an eligible site in the state house yard, to be determined hereafter in conference with Mr. Chandler or his representative.

On November 6, 1890, a vote was adopted by the governor and council exactly fixing the site, as follows :

On motion of Councillor Pillsbury, it was voted to grant to Hon. William E. Chandler a plot of ground in the state house yard as a site for the statue of John P. Hale ; the plot to be in the front of the yard, next to Park street, north of the central walk, and occupying a position corresponding to that granted for the erection of the Stark statue.

There was delay in the completion of the statue until the summer of 1892. On the 28th day of June, at the suggestion of Senator Chandler, Councillors George A. Ramsdell and Henry B. Quinby, with Secretary of State Ezra S. Stearns, were designated by His Excellency Governor Hiram A. Tuttle as a committee of arrangements to prepare for the unveiling and the acceptance of the statue ; and Col. Daniel Hall was designated and invited as orator of the occasion.

The ceremonies took place on the third day of

August, 1892. The final instrument of conveyance of the statue to the state is as follows :

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE, August third, 1892.

The bronze statue of John P. Hale, this day unveiled in the state house yard at Concord, and the granite pedestal and the bronze tablets thereon, are hereby given and conveyed by me to the state of New Hampshire unconditionally and forever.

WILLIAM E. CHANDLER.

The statue is of heroic size, standing eight feet and four inches above the die. It represents Senator Hale as an orator, wearing an open frock coat, with a small roll in his pendant left hand, while the right arm and open hand and fingers are extended in an expressive gesture. The form and face make an excellent likeness, and the statue as a work of art has been commended by all observers.

The pedestal is of Concord granite, cut by the New England Granite Works, of Concord. This rises nine feet and eight inches, making the whole monument eighteen feet high. The die is three feet and nine inches square, and rests on three bases : the first, eight feet square and fifteen inches thick ; the second, five and one half feet square and fourteen inches thick ; and the third, five feet square and twenty inches thick.

The statue faces east. On the front of the pedestal, in heavy raised letters cut in the granite, is the name,—

JOHN P. HALE.

On the three other sides are bronze tablets ; that on the north inscribed,—

JOHN P. HALE.

**FIRST ANTI-SLAVERY U. S. SENATOR.
HE SECURED THE ABOLITION OF FLOGGING
AND THE SPIRIT RATION IN THE NAVY.
BORN AT ROCHESTER 1806.
DIED AT DOVER 1873.**

The south tablet contains, from Mr. Hale's North Church address of June 5, 1845, the sentence,—

**THE MEASURE OF MY AMBITION WILL BE
FULL IF WHEN MY WIFE AND CHILDREN
SHALL REPAIR TO MY GRAVE TO DROP
THE TEAR OF AFFECTION TO MY MEMORY
THEY MAY READ ON MY TOMBSTONE,
HE WHO LIES BENEATH SURRENDERED
OFFICE, PLACE AND POWER RATHER
THAN BOW DOWN AND WORSHIP SLAVERY.**

On the rear are the words,—

**PRESENTED TO THE
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
BY WILLIAM E. CHANDLER
OF CONCORD.
1892.**

The artist who designed and made the statue is Ferdinand Von Miller, Junior, manager of the Royal Art Foundry at Munich in Bavaria, a sketch of whose life and works is given in this memorial volume.

August third, 1892, the day of the unveiling ceremonies, was fair, and the attendance was unexpectedly large, although no special invitations had been given. At half-past eleven o'clock a procession left the Eagle Hotel, conducted by City Marshal G. Scott Locke, and headed by Governor Tuttle and Councillor Ransdell, who acted as chairman of the proceedings. Besides those who took part in the exercises, there were present Mrs. John