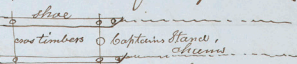


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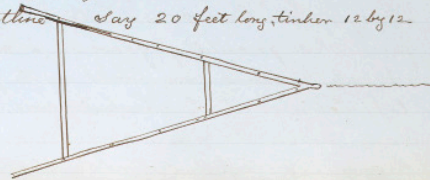
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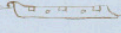
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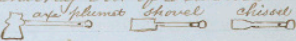
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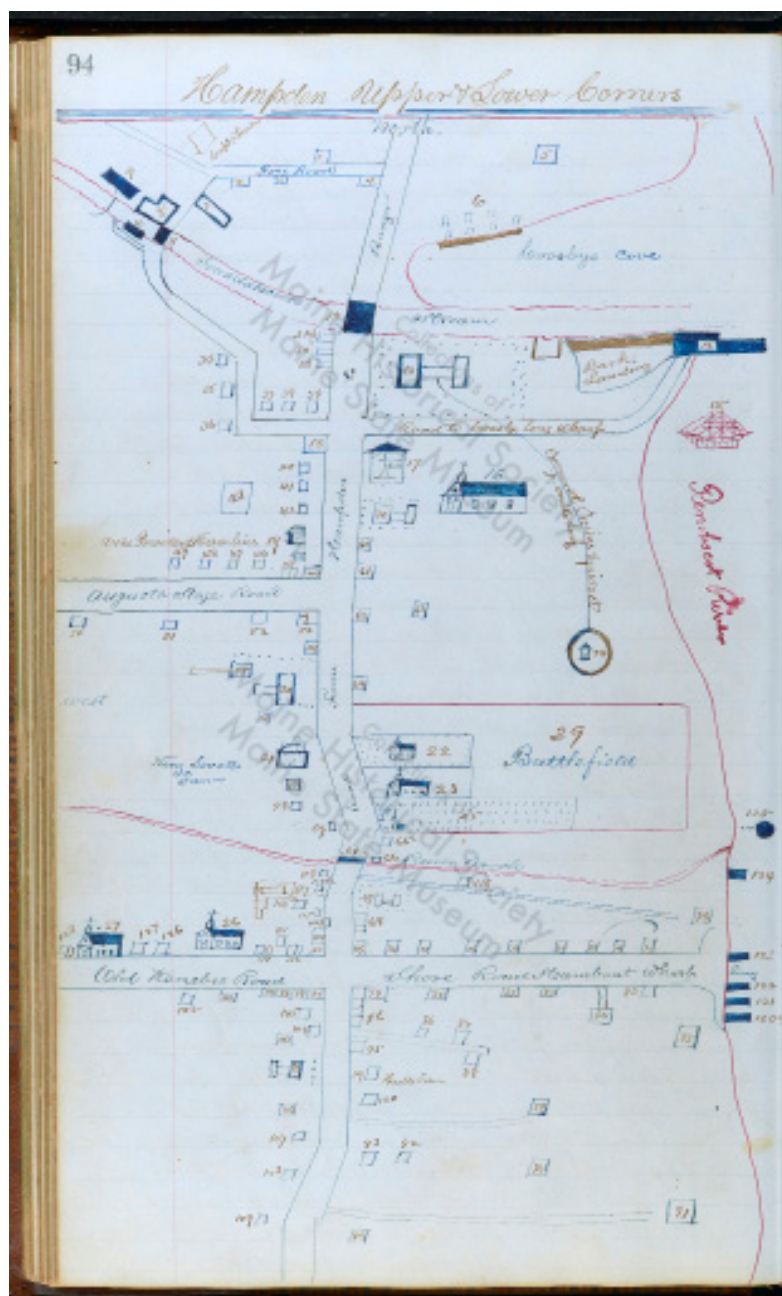
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Capt Wheeler North

Bangor Crosbys Cove

Soudabscook Sream

Bark Landing

Road to Crosbys long wharf  
vice President Hamlins

General Crosbys Equiduct

1/2 mile long

[sideways at center]

Road from Hampden to Bangor

Augusta Stage Road

west

King Swetts Farm

Battlefield

Reeds Brook [sideways at right]

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4 Entry

5 Door

6 Setting Room

7 Door

8 Door

9 Stage Door

10 Door

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12 chimney

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14 Door

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16 Glass closet

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18 Bar

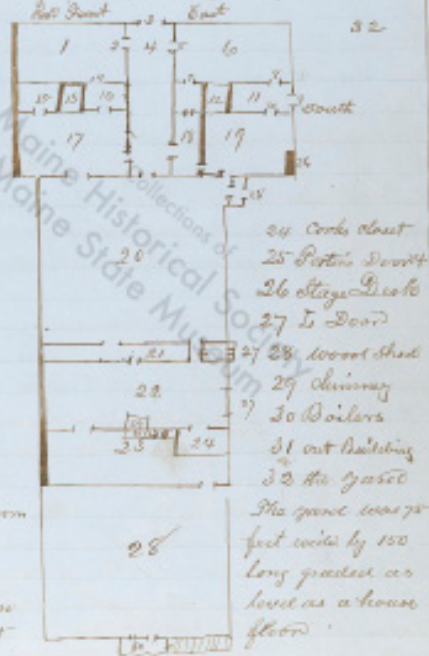
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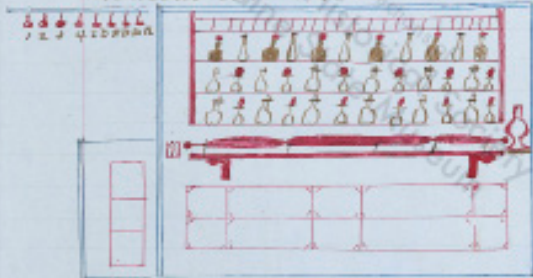
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### Hampden House Bar

The upper shelf with red squares represent boxes of cigars. The top shelf champagne & wine with red apples on the bottles. The next shelf liquors and goblets and wine glasses with oranges on the glasses the lower shelf contains the same with Lemons. The figures 1 2 3 & 4 the four front chambers SD south bell FD Front Door D Dining Room H Hall The three \\\ marks represent the brass snaps connected with the Bell wires for the Ostler, alley Boys and dining Room & chamber maid The urn as represented was brass with a pipe though the center with a draft at the bottom perforated so as to burn charcoal & keep the water hot at all hours so as to make hot Tomajerry The left hand side was the door as high as the roll sheet with a snap lock This Bar cost over five hundred dollars and was supirior the Bar in the Bangor House. It was always supplied with the choicest of liquors cigars and fruit 3 cents a piece for cigars 6/4 cents a

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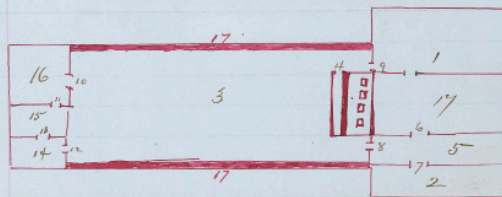
The upper shelf with red squares represent boxes of cigars. The top shelf champagne & wine with red apples on the bottles. The next shelf liquors and goblets and wine glasses with oranges on the glasses the lower shelf contains the same with Lemons. The figures 1 2 3 & 4 the four front chambers SD south bell FD Front Door D Dining Room H Hall The three \\\ marks represent the brass snaps connected with the Bell wires for the Ostler, alley Boys and dining Room & chamber maid The urn as represented was brass with a pipe through the center with a draft at the bottom perforated so as to burn charcoal & keep the water hot at all hours so as to make hot Tomajerry The left hand side was the door as high as the roll sheet with a snap lock This Bar cost over five hundred dollars and was supirior the Bar in the Bangor House. It was always supplied with the choicest of liquors cigars and fruit 3 cents a piece for cigars 6/4 cents a

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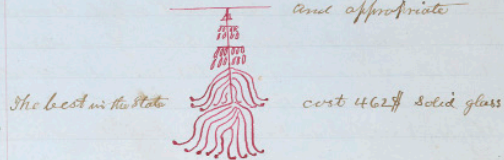
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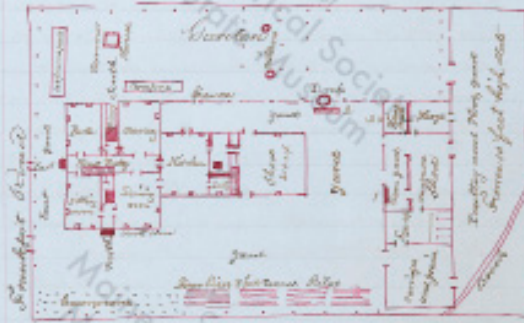
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