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7 1/2 yds Oil Cloth Carpet Front Entry 50		Hatch & Thompson	375
1 Mahogany top veniered card Table		John Mulley	1200
1 Looking glass		Shaw & Merrill	450
" 1 " " Parlor chamber or sitting room			250
6 cane seat chairs	150		900
1 " " Rocking chair		John Mulley	250
1 pr Brass head shovel & Tongs Parlor			175
1 Feather Duster	4/-		67
2 10/19 Looking glasses of H L Brown	9/-		300
1 Cottage Bedstead	" "		650
1 Cottage Dress Table	" "		125
1 Parlor chamber sink Parlor		Shaw & Merrill	750
3 curtain for Parlor			
3 do sitting room & bed room			
6 common chairs sitting room	58		348
1 Stuffed Parlor cricht		Shaw & Merrill	
1 Sitting room Stove	my own	Hampden	700
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1 Bedstead my own my mother had the use of it			750
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1 Dish " Ea 6/ 3/	150
1 Covered " 6/9	113
2 Bowles 1/3 1 Pitcher 3/	92
2 Pickles 2/ 1 Button Muffin 4/6	142
1 Baker 4/6 1 Prit Tea Pot 7/6	211
1 Plated Castor 10/6 1 Pr Glass Dishes 7/6	311
1 Doz glass Preserve Dishes 4/6	75
1 Sett Knives & Forks 10/6	175
2 Bow Spoons & 1 Spittoon	75
1 Tea Tray 7/6	125
1 Doz Im cut Glass Tumblers 9/-	150
1 Toy Knife & Fork 1/6	25
1 Doz Glass Cup Plates 2/3	38
1 pr Im cut Glass Decanters 6 wine glasses	210
1 Cook Stove of Albert Noyce	1000
1 Tin Dipper A & I E Leighton	13
1 6 qt Pan 3/	50
1 Jug corn 3/6	42
1 Tin Pail 2/-	33
1 Wash Dish 2/6	42
1 Long handled skimmer 1/-	17
1 Tea Pot 1/6	25
1 Dust Pan	20
1 Flour Scoop	20
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1 Small skimmer	06
1 Drudge Box	10
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1 wooden Snow shovel			100
1 carving Knife & Fork			100
2 water Pails		1/6	50
1 Knife Steel			25
1 wash Bench I made myself			150
1 Roller board & Roller do			75
1 Full Sett wash Tubs & Keelers			225
1 Bushel Basket for clothes			25
1 mop Handle		3/-	33
1 Bread Rolling pin			33
1 Seive wire		3/-	33
1 Cullinder	Mrs Carys		
2 Table covers			
1 pr Iron candle sticks			50
1 pr Parlor Fluid Lamps			
1 Fluid Can		2/3	38
1 Large wooden Bowle			
1 Pr Flat Irons		6/-	100
1 Dress comb		1/-	17
1 Hair Brush		3/9	62
1 Cloth Brush			62
1 Raiser		6/-	162
1 Box Brush & strop			100
1 Blacking Brush		3/-	50
1 writing Desk	R Prince		225
1 Book case	David Whittier		75
1 Coffee Mill		3/9	63
1 - 3 1/2 ft Table Maple			300
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1	Journal & Ledger				250	
1	Expence book				50	
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1	Clasp Pocket Book		1/6		175	
1	Silver Watch	French manufacture			12 11	
1	Jackknife	7/6			125	
2	Boxes for gears bits & Papers Painted & Marked				150	
1	Camphor wood Trunk	came from China 3 foot long			600	
1	Cabinet of curiosities	case cost 125 beside glass & paint			1000	
6	Silver Tea spoons					
2	Large silver spoons				487	
1	Suit clothes	40.00 common clothing	60.00		10000	
1	Claras clothing	two Lamps & Mahogany dress box			5000	

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I sent Albert Wiggins to J H Bowlers opposite the Exchange and told him to get me the best barrel of Flour Mr. Bowler had and he brought me up a barrel of pastry Flour which cost a dollar and a quarter Extra which had fine corn flour mixed in it and it lasted us five and a half months

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I then took a wheelbarrow and put up every kind of food which I could enumerate in the store with a full set of spices amounting to which I wheeled down and we eat our first dinner at 12 m on the 11th day of June 1850 as Keeping House

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— Ada's Birth Place —

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Gen Samuel Veazie the richest man in the State of Maine Died in the parlor on the previous page. Thursday evening March 12 1868 at 9 O clock, closing his eyes in the same room that Ada opened hers, He was attacked with Palsy a few years ago slightly and partially recovered, then during the last of February 1868 he was attacked again and ended his days in the house mentioned, his funeral being announced to occur on Sunday March 15th at one o'clock, This house being where I began life and where he ended it I had a strong desire to attend his funeral so when the hour arrived my wife and I repaired to witness his funeral. we started after the time and went down centre st and when we came to the Railroad Bridge the surroundings of the house were all recovered with people men women and children Irish Scotch Dutch and a mixture of Yankees and still further

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fifty dollars so I resolved to move the day my time expired and to the hour I moved in at 9 & I moved out at 9 A.M. As soon as I vacated it My Step Father moved from Hampden and occupied it untill about the first of October 1851 when it was let to a German Jackass pedlar who peddled jumbles and pies with a Jackass around town and sold medford rum to the Railroad teamsters and Irish about the Depot untill the Road was purchased by Genl Samuel Veazie when the building was all filth outside and in and the liquor was a nucence to the road Mr Veazie declared he would abate the nucence and he purchased the house and gave it a thorough repairing and painting & put blinds on the L & built a large shed and a banister fence around the lot enclosing additional land on the south and tore down a lumber shed which stood south of the well, made a grade on the bank cleaned out the well put in a new pump and has occupied it himself winters as his residence winters giving his present wifes daughter who married minister Chase the use of it Summers to this spring when Mr Chase removed to Sangerville and it is now closed July 17 1864

I have previously described my labours around this building in part I will now conclude by saying that I made the paths represented all of them and graveled them evening & mornings the outbuilding at no 1 I made a nice platform by night also I made a mother in the cellar around the eastern the basement I occupied for a shed under the L the lot was about 60 by 100 running to an angle as the track cut off the corner at no 2 the main garden was west of the house but I planted english turnips at no 3 and white beans at no 4 the path at no 5 I made on the 4th day of July and cut a gate way through the fence and made a gate & hung it for my celebration because I could not get

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occupied Rev Mr Fields

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seated Charles Stetson, Esqr

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Having given my daughter Ada a faithful portion of my time which she will value when she gets old enough I now return to my matters in the way of business. During the winter of 1850 the snow was continual I tended store days and shoveled snow evenings or nights for 9 o'clock generally released me from business the storms being from the north east drove in heavy quantities around the east end and clearing away north west made a junction around the L west so a huge pile accumulated exactly south over the main gate and I was bound to keep my communication with the front gate to the rear open and did but it cost me hard hours work to do so I used to shovel a canal about four feet wide as straight as a line from no 6 to no 1 and the Road men were obliged to load cars with snow and run it up to the Park to get room to

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Jewett Mess Pickering &

Cutting being head bearers. The corpse were removed from the parlor to the hearse by Edward

Howard Depot Teamster

Brown head joiner and enough of those who labour about the road to make 8. The mourners were

his wife (Mrs Blanchard

and a stranger, John Veazie this new wife (Susan Townsend)

John Veazie & wife, Charles V

Lord & wife Farrar & wife CV

Lords brother R. Mrs Willien and the cousins of the families

Heatt Cashier of the Bank Swan

conductor on the road & a few others

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The rooms in the house were cheaply and Plainly furnished in the Kitchen was a small cheap elevated stove in poor repair other furniture very simple with an oil cloth carpet in the setting room a ten dollar square stove the funnel passing through the floor to save expence warming the chamber, a spittoon a well worn carpet two cheap vases & a glass lamp. The parlor contained no pictures a common mirror a good carpet and some respectable stuffed chairs, the entry contained a cheap table and an oil cloth carpet, the rooms were all papered with paper that cost from

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25 to 50 cents per roll The circumstance of Myself and wife once occupying these same rooms led us to view them in silence. It carried me back to days when my wife was in better health and when we congratulated ourselves on the future full of hope and joy. The event is worth my record here when we cooked our first meal and where Gen Veazie ate his last. I am happy to be spared to make this simple note of the circumstance in as good condition as myself and family are at this day. Time makes its mark and this circumstance draws out facts which surpass a novel written by a master

John Martin

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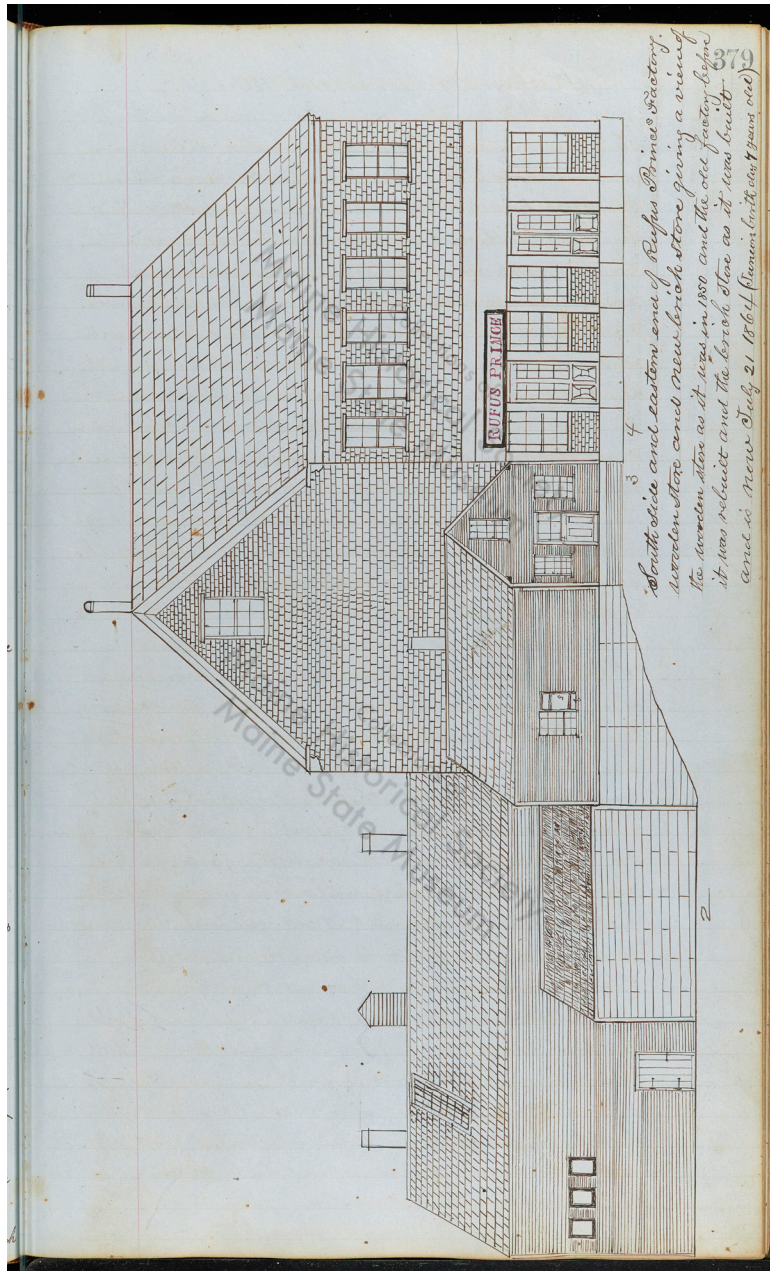
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South side and eastern end of Rufus Prince's Factory
 wooden store and new brick store giving a view of
 the wooden store as it was in 1850 and the old factory before
 it was rebuilt and the brick store as it was built
 and is now July 21 1864 (Juniors birth day 7 years old)

Rufus Prince's Brick Store

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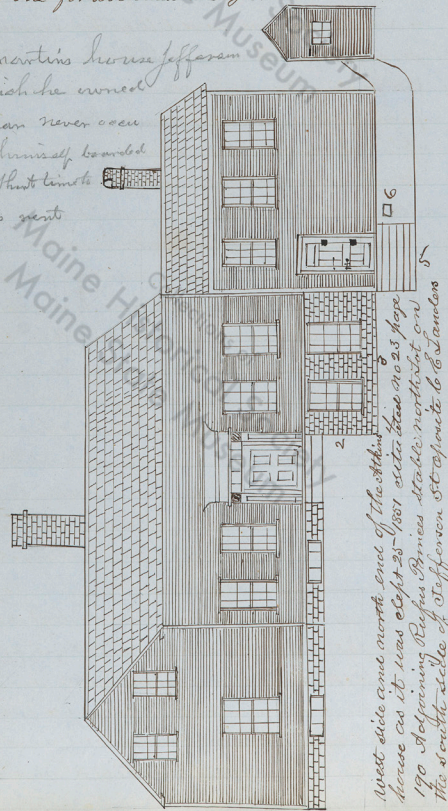
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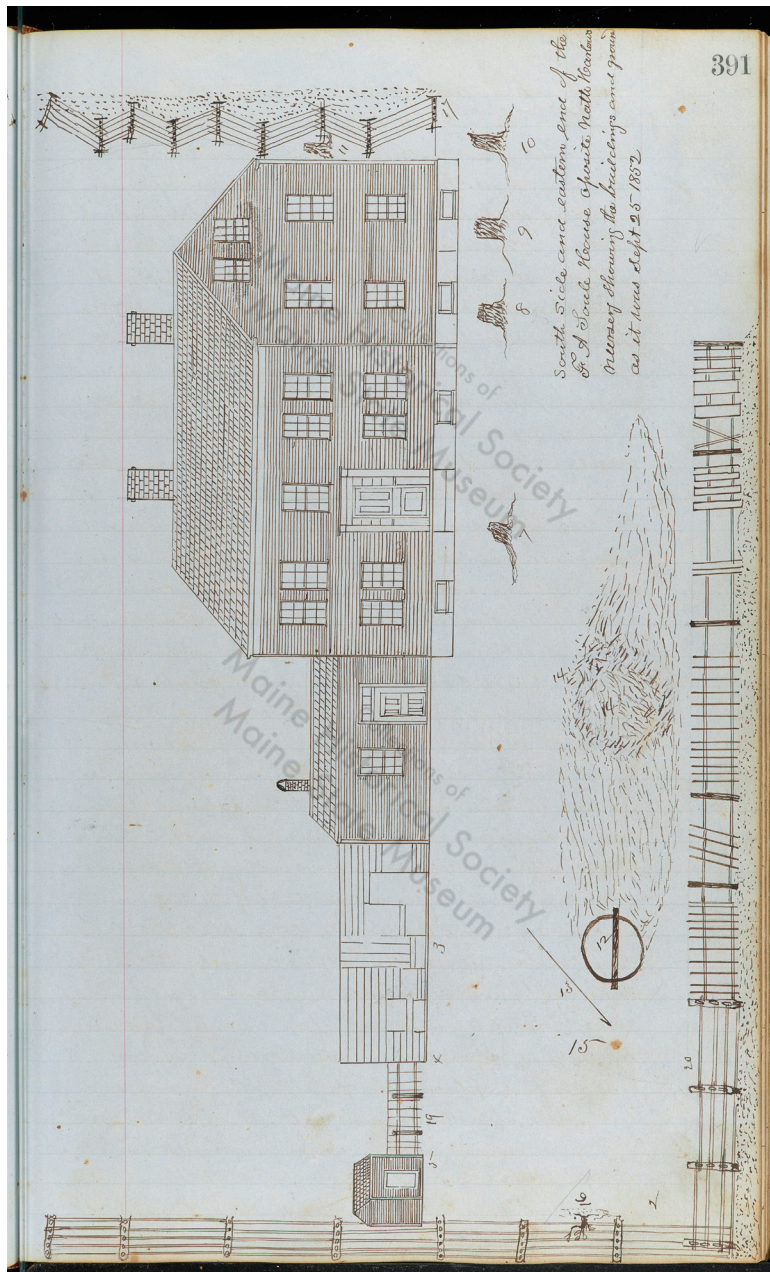
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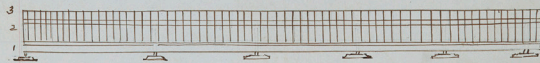
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South Side and eastern end of the
F A Soule House opposite Nath Harlows
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My Home no 130 Centre Street

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This fence 45 inches high Base board 8 in wide beech top at figure 1 beech strip at figure 2 = 2 1/2 inches wide Top rail 2 1/2 in wide at figure 3 the pickets 3 in wide and 2 1/2 in apart the lower rail set so the top comes just even with the top of the base board and the rails are 3 by 2 the rail at figure 2 set 6 in from the ribbon at figure 3 and it is 28 inches from the top of the base board to the under side of rail at figure 2 the posts 2 feet 6 in long 3 1/4 by 4 chamfered feet 4 by 5 made thus  and the posts set 10 feet apart and the feet placed on the top of the ground so a short time after the ground settled would right it for the season This fence being on the main travel people stopped to look at it and thousands of feet was erected after the same pattern in a few years in different sections of the city I never

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Bangor Thursday April 27 1852

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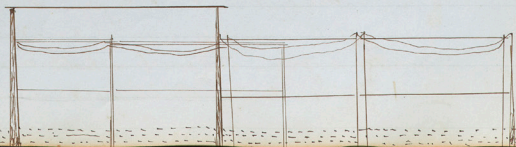
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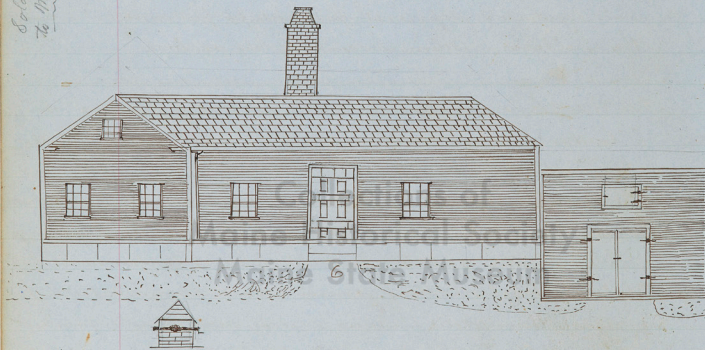
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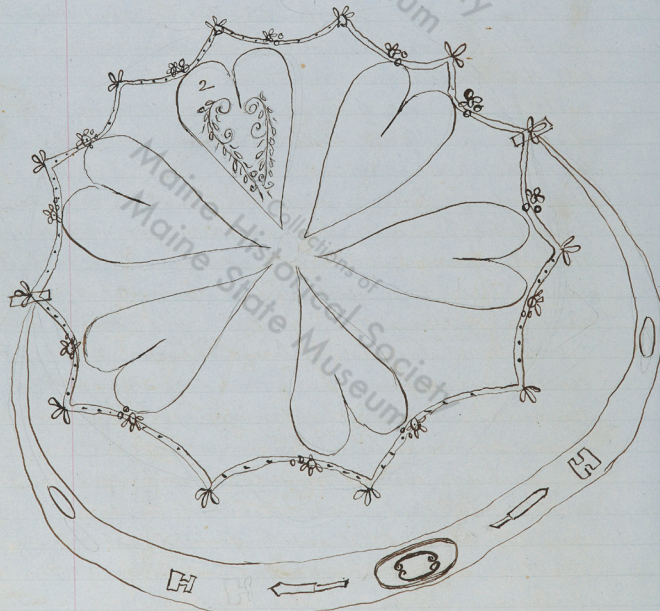
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
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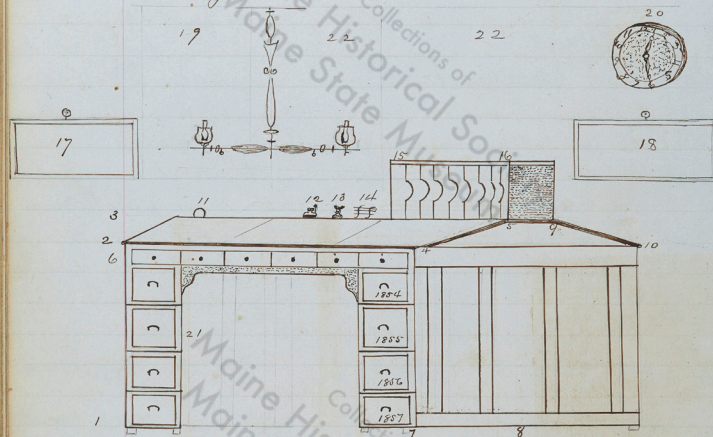
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in all the Ports they they ever sailed in
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for to suit every body it can never be im-
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no 17 map & plan of the city of Bangor
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between 8 & 9

Left hand side, and right hand side of
Mess Pendleton & Ross Mahogany Desk
cost 110 dollars Dimentions below
Length $7\frac{1}{2}$ feet from no 2 to no 4
width 4 ft 10 inches from no 4 to no 10
Height from no 1 to no 2 = 42 inches exact
Height from no 1 to no 3 = 45 inches exact
width of the lid 23 inches from 4 to no 5
width of drawers at no 6 = 14 inches & $3\frac{3}{8}$ in high
Length of all the draws is half the width of the desk from 7 to 8 or 2 ft 5 in long
8 drawers on the sides square & will hold a bushel
width of the top from 5 to 9 is $16\frac{1}{4}$ inches
The book case is 18 inches high & $16\frac{1}{4}$ in wide
The partings open on both sides so a book may be taken
out on either side of the desk through the case

no 15 the front panel of the book case
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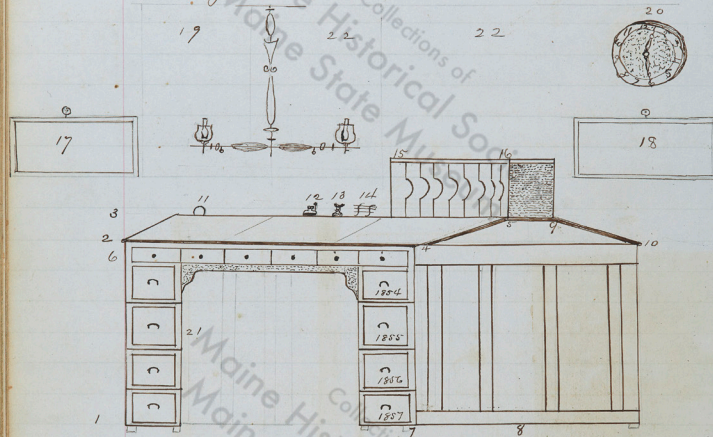
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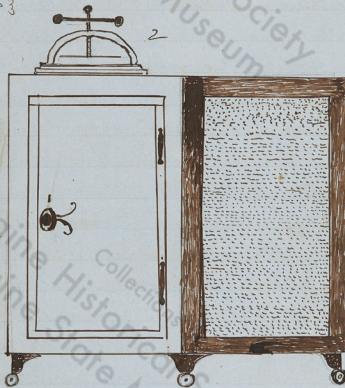
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Heavy Office Chair of which there was four



Cane Seat Chair to Cash Table



The front and end of Furber & Metcalfs large Safe weight 3000 lbs Cost three hundred dollars no 2 representing the letter press

Ch	R	Am	2
10	B	C	m
1	2	3	5

Money Draw to P&R Desk

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District Court of the United States for the District of Maine.

In Bankruptcy.

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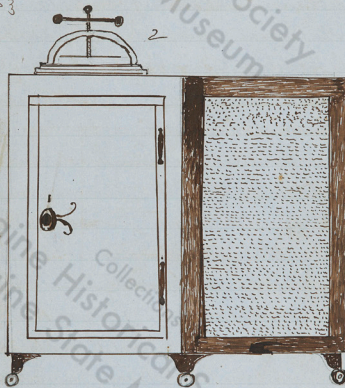
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DISTRICT OF MAINE, ss:
A warrant in Bankruptcy has been issued, by said Court, against the estate of Hugh Ross, of the County of Penobscot, and State of Maine, upon petition of his creditors; and the payment of any debts, and the delivery of any property belonging to said bankrupt, to him or his use, and the transfer of any property by him, are forbidden by law. A meeting of the creditors of said bankrupt, to prove their debts, and choose one or more assignees of his estate, will be held at Bangor, on the second day of January, A. D. 1877, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the office of Charles Hamlin, Esq., (in the Bankrupt Court Room) one of the Registers in Bankruptcy of said Court.
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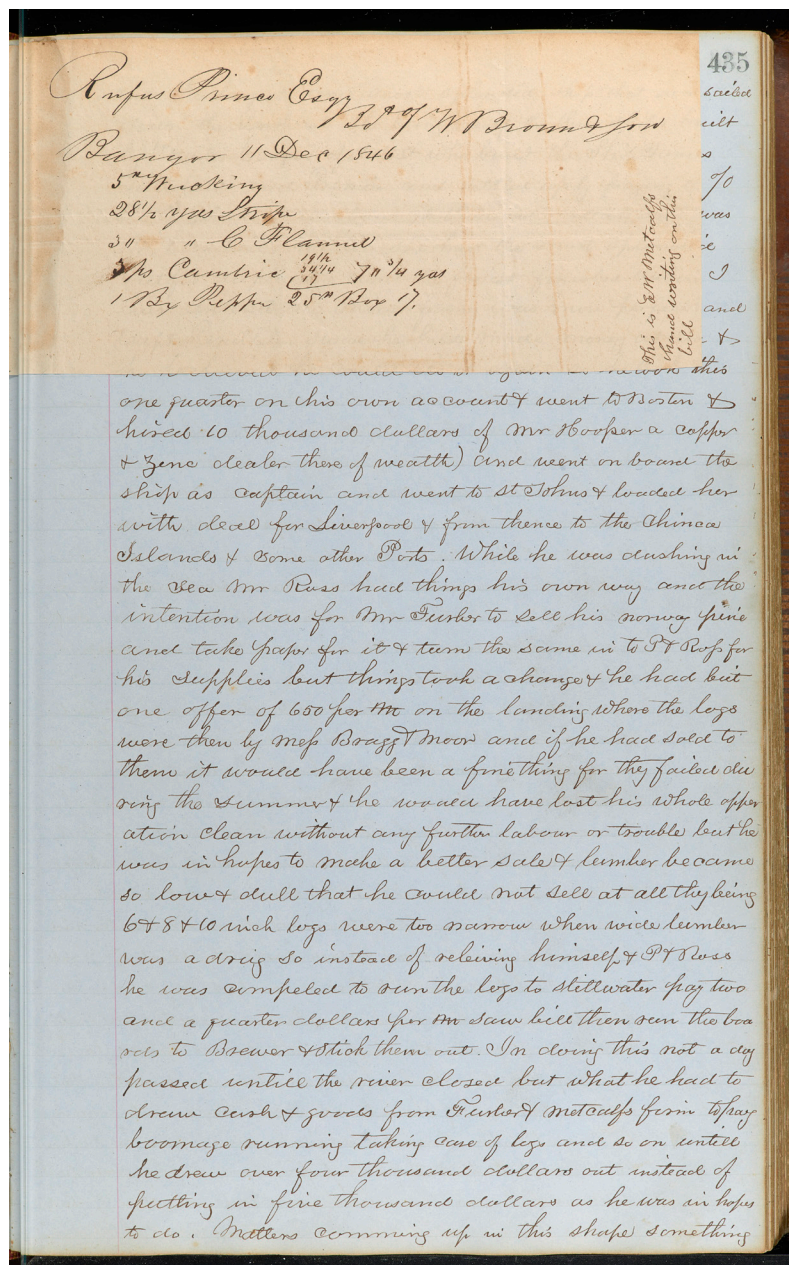
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This is E W Metcalfe's

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Pearson of this city for 3250 dollars and Mr Pearson Sold his house on Ohio st to B O Foster on

Ohio St for 5000. which had a Mortgage to Tim Fields of 2000 which his

Concubine sister to Bill Lewis wife laid claim as being his wife which Mr Foster required to be guaranteed against her claim Mr Pearson objecting which threw up the trade and Mr Metcalf resolved at once to sell at auction and advertised to sell on Tuesday Oct

3 1865 A 10 A M On the day arriving Mr John B Foster Auctioneer set a pole in a pile of rock in front of the house with a red flag upon it and Jacob

Bagley cried the sale about the streets and a large crowd assembled to attend the

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Fannie Parsons	Brother	Fannie Parsons
Miss Helen Patten	Sister	Miss Helen Patten
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