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INTRODUCTION

It was a dark and stormy session; a report rang out. Reports to and by the general assembly range from simple book keeping (reports on mileage and debenture for legislators), to explanations of actions and concerns, to investigations of problems and needs. Found among these reports are treatises for and against the passage of bills; petitions from victims of crime and debt; requests to organize towns, form artillery companies, and build bridges; reports from commissioners and committees on education, fish and wildlife, public health, libraries, the militia, flood control, railroads, banks, agriculture, roads and canals.

Some of the reports startle our sense of time, so-called "modern issues" emerging from long past legislatures. There is the 1886 report on rape and "mutual consent;" the 1847 report on outlawing capital punishment; the 1826 report on Indian land claims; and the 1830 report on state funding for education.

Some reports provide insights into the evolution of persisting issues such as the search for economic and environmental balance (see the 1872 report of the fish commissioners, for example). Some detail the continuing human costs of unresolved social debates. There is, for example, the 1830 report on the well connected Dr. Norman Cleaveland, condemned to death for killing a woman while performing an abortion; a woman who was pregnant by Cleaveland. His ultimately successful effort to avoid execution, as spun out in legislative reports, judicial records, and executive pardons, touched upon society's views on capital punishment, abortion, murder, the fate of women of "bad reputation," and whether there was a double standard of justice for the elite and the poor.

As these brief mentions suggest, reports to or by the legislature have much to teach us, not only about the past but about current issues as well. Starting around 1800 many of these reports were incorporated as part of the journals of the general assembly and, after 1835, the journals of the house and senate. Beginning in 1867 many of the reports to the legislature were compiled and published as Vermont Legislative Documents (1867-1877); Vermont State Officers Reports (1877-1906); and Vermont Public Documents (1907-1932). After 1932 most of these reports to the legislature were published separately as reports from agency heads. Reports by the legislature, however, continued to appear in the house and senate journals until the 1950's.

The scope of this index is limited to those reports found in the house and senate journals. While the reports found in the journals contain a wealth of information, finding them has been until now an act of serendipity. We did not include the reports found in the different publications listed above because of the relative ease with which they can be found.

The index groups the reports under alphabetically arranged subject headings. Report titles under the subject headings are also arranged alphabetically and, if there is more than one entry, chronologically. Some subject headings have subheadings as well (e.g. *LEGISLATION* under *RAILROADS*). Note the *See also*'s and the subject heading list at the end of the text, in order to avoid missing important related information.

Some reports are listed under more than one subject heading. Contested elections, for example, appear under a subheading of that name under ELECTIONS and under the name of town in which the election was held. When listed by town, a distinction is made between a contested election in which the person named was elected and one in which the person was unseated. In the fomer case the entry will appear as Election of Nathaniel Wheatley and in the latter it will appear as Disputed election of Nathaniel Wheatley.

A difficulty in compiling the index was determining what should be included as a report. We tried to limit entries only to those reports that had some substantive text, excluding those that were mentioned by reference. We also decided to exclude readily findable reports included in each journal. Canvassing Committee reports noting election results, for example, are given at the beginning of every session. We also excluded mileage and debenture reports, which appear in every journal beginning in 1857. In a difficult decision we decided not to define legislative responses to gubernatorial inaugurals as reports (such responses were common in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries).

The work of compiling this index entailed reading through every journal since 1778. David and Peter Nevin, Colleen Pixley and Katherine Herrlich, interns at the Archives, checked and re-checked the journals for entries and did the initial arrangement. Assistant State Archivist Christie Carter supervised the arrangement and put the index in its final order. Kathy White of the Archives did the final check on entries and typed the index. Their efforts have added an important tool for those interested in the evolution of Vermont government and governance.

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Key

GAJ Journal of the General Assembly (1778-1835)

- HJ Journal of the House (1836 to present)
- SJ Journal of the Senate (1836 to present)
- SS Special Session
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