



HON. WILLIAM R. PORTER, CAMDEN.

ALMOST three hundred years ago, when first this land was being wrought
And lives were full and hearts were true, and smallest things were danger fraught.

"Twas then the Porters settled here, as Pilgrims strong with ready hands,
And clearings hewed in pathless woods and teachings spread from foreign lands.

In later times some came to Maine, perhaps in search of knowledge;
One landed where they had the best, the famous halls of Bowdoin College
"Twas here the Attic roots took hold, a matter for congratulation;
Since William Porter thru their aid, has helped along all education.
In Custom House and Senate grand, he served with equal strength and zest;
On Banking too his mind he placed, in all he did his very best.
The offspring of those Puritans, those sturdy men in coats of tan
Now show the legacy of time, the wholesome, forceful man.