

HOUSE....No. 60.

P E T I T I O N .

To the Honorable Senate and the Honorable House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in General Court assembled :

The petition of the undersigned, inhabitants of the town of Rutland, in said Commonwealth, humbly shows:—That they are situated in the most southerly part of said town, five miles and sixty-two rods distance from the village, or central part thereof, the travel over a hilly and uneven road ; that they seldom go to the centre upon any business whatever, excepting elections, for the reason that the centre and business part of the town of Paxton is so much nearer, it being only two miles and two hundred and eighty-eight rods distance, over a good road, and on their way to the city of Worcester.

Your petitioners would further represent, that they are one mile and two hundred and eighteen rods from a school in the town of Rutland ; and that they are only one mile and twenty rods from one in the town of Paxton ; and that, in all respects, it would greatly conduce to their convenience to belong to the latter town.

We, therefore, pray your honorable body, that a section of land in Rutland, inhabited exclusively by ourselves and families, may be, with its inhabitants, annexed to the town of Paxton, which section is bounded and described as follows :

Beginning at the stone monument, at the northeast corner of the town of Spencer on Paxton town line ; from thence running on the line between the towns of Rutland and Paxton,

north one degree and thirty minutes west four hundred and nine rods, to a stone monument at the northwest corner of Paxton; from thence running on a straight line south sixty-seven degrees west, about four hundred and twenty-three rods, to a stake on Oakham town line; thence running on the line between the town of Rutland and Oakham south, eleven degrees east, two hundred and fifteen rods to the monument at the southwest corner of Rutland, on Spencer town line; from thence running on the line between the town of Rutland and Spencer south, eighty-four degrees east, three hundred and sixty-one rods, to the place of beginning, containing about seven hundred and thirty-six acres of land,—And as in duty bound would ever pray.

WILLIAM COMINS,
JASON WILSON,
H. W. HUBBARD,
BROWNING HUBBARD.

Rutland, January 1, 1851.

R E M O N S T R A N C E .

To the Honorable Senate and Honorable House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in General Court convened :

The undersigned, inhabitants and legal voters in school district, No. 6, in the town of Rutland, in this Commonwealth, ask leave respectfully to represent, that the granting of the prayer of the petition of William Comins and others, inhabitants of Rutland, to be set off from said town and annexed to the town of Paxton, would be very injurious to the interests of all the inhabitants of said district,—the petitioners alone excepted,—inasmuch as it takes from said district, not only the property and territory occupied by the petitioners, but a large portion of territory not owned and occupied by the petitioners.

And we further represent that, in our opinion, should the prayer of the petition aforesaid be granted, from the situation of this school district, and from other circumstances connected with the subject, it would not be enlarged by addition of territory from other school districts in the town of Rutland, but would necessarily always remain a small district, and our children would, in a great measure, be deprived of the means for obtaining an education they have hitherto enjoyed.

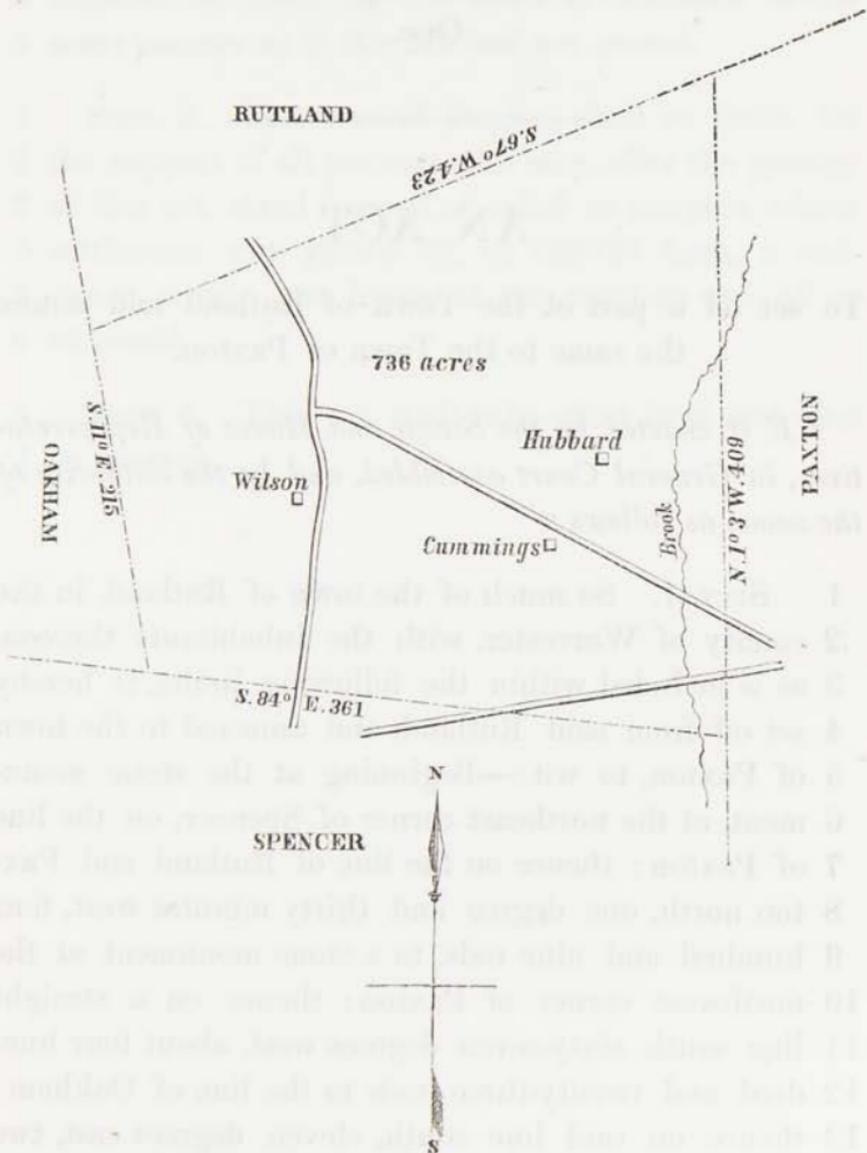
We, therefore, respectfully remonstrate against your granting the prayer of said petition.

CHARLES BROWNING,
CHARLES D. LEONARD,
DEXTER WILSON,
SPENCER WILDER,
THOMAS HOWE, JR.,
DAVIS THAYER,
JOEL WILSON,

SUMNER PUTNAM,
DWIGHT A. RICE,
ASA RICE,
JERISON WOODIS,
JOSEPH WADSWORTH,
SCHUYLER PROUTY.

A PLOT

Of the south part of the town of Rutland, which is petitioned to be annexed to the Town of Paxton. Protracted on a scale of one hundred rods to an inch. By WILLIAM BALDWIN. December, 1850.



Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-
One.

AN ACT

To set off a part of the Town of Rutland and annex
the same to the Town of Paxton.

*BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
tives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of
the same, as follows :*

1 SECT. 1. So much of the town of Rutland, in the
2 county of Worcester, with the inhabitants thereon,
3 as is included within the following limits, is hereby
4 set off from said Rutland, and annexed to the town
5 of Paxton, to wit:—Beginning at the stone monu-
6 ment, at the northeast corner of Spencer, on the line
7 of Paxton ; thence on the line of Rutland and Pax-
8 ton north, one degree and thirty minutes west, four
9 hundred and nine rods, to a stone monument at the
10 northwest corner of Paxton ; thence on a straight
11 line south, sixty-seven degrees west, about four hun-
12 dred and twenty-three rods to the line of Oakham ;
13 thence on said line south, eleven degrees east, two
14 hundred and fifteen rods to the monument at the
15 southwest corner of Rutland, at the line of Spencer ;

16 thence on the line of Spencer south, eighty-four de-
17 grees east, three hundred and sixty-one rods to point
18 of beginning, containing about seven hundred and
19 thirty-six acres.

1 SECT. 2. The inhabitants and estates so set off
2 shall be liable to pay all taxes that have been legally
3 assessed on them, by the town of Rutland, in the
4 same manner as if this act had not passed.

1 SECT. 3. The town of Paxton shall be liable for
2 the support of all persons who may, after the passage
3 of this act, stand in need of relief as paupers, whose
4 settlement was gained by, or derived from, a resi-
5 dence within the limits of the territory set off as
6 aforesaid.

1 SECT. 4. This act shall take effect from and after
2 its passage.

