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**Veto Message: Governor Royce  
1855 (S.9)**

**An act in addition to Chapter thirty-eight of the Compiled Statutes, relating to  
Ejectment.**

STATE OF VERMONT  
Executive Department.  
Montpelier, Vt., November 5, 1855

A message was received from the Governor by Mr. HAYDEN, the Secretary of Civil Affairs, as follows:

Mr. PRESIDENT:

I am directed by the Governor to return to the Senate the bill (S.9) entitled, An Act in addition to Chapter thirty-eight of the Compiled Statutes, entitled, Ejectment, with a communication in writing in relation thereto.

And he then withdrew.

The message in writing from the Governor was read, and is as follows:

*To the Hon. President of the Senate:*

I return to the Senate, in which it originated, the bill entitled, An Act in addition to Chapter thirty-eight of the Compiled Statutes, relating to Ejectment. To this bill I have thought proper to withhold my signature, by reason of the following objection:

It is enacted by the second section, that the Chapter to which the bill is in addition shall not extend to any person, who shall enter upon and take possession of lands after the passing of this act. And inasmuch as said Chapter thirty-eight comprises our whole statutory law relating to Ejectment, as well as the provisions

giving a right to claim betterments in certain cases, I think the latter provisions only, and not the whole Chapter, should be excluded from application to those who shall hereafter take possession of lands.

With very great respect, &c.,  
STEPHEN ROYCE,  
Governor

**Governor's Veto Sustained**  
**S.9, 1855**

The Governor's veto was sustained in the Senate:  
**Yeas: 0 Nays: 21**

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Sources: *Journal of the Senate*, November 5, 1855 (pages 224-226)