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**Veto Message: Governor Barstow
1882 (S.43)**

An act to pay the Rutland County National Bank the sum therein named.

STATE OF VERMONT
Executive Department.
Montpelier, Vt., Nov.13, 1882

To the President of the Senate:

I herewith respectfully return the bill entitled Senate Bill No. 43, "An act to pay the Rutland County National Bank the sum therein named," without my approval.

The Statutes provide that certain expenses incurred in the pursuit, capture and transportation of criminals may be allowed by the Auditor of Accounts. Other claims of this kind come before the Legislature, and their allowance has for years been substantially guarded by certain rules based on experience.

A portion of the amount embraced in this bill is to reimburse the claimant for the expenses of a person who accompanied an officer on his journey to receive upon requisition, and bring to Vermont, an alleged criminal, already under arrest at Denver, Colorado. So far as I am able to learn, this is the first case where a claim of this kind against the State has been allowed by the Legislature. If allowed, it will establish a precedent for paying the expenses of two persons instead of one in such cases. For this and other reasons, I am constrained to withhold my approval of the bill.

JOHN L. BARSTOW,
Governor.

**Governor's Veto Sustained
S.43, 1882**

The Governor's veto was overridden in the Senate:
Yeas 17 Nays 10

The Governor's veto was sustained in the House:
Yeas 57 Nays 155

Sources: *Journal of the Senate*, November 13, 1882 (page 156, 166);
Journal of the House, November 16, 1882 (page 244)