

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SIXTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 91.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of Charles W. Goddard.

Resolved, That the state treasurer is hereby
2 authorized and directed to pay to Charles W.
3 Goddard of Portland, five thousand dollars, for his
4 services in the revision of the general and public
5 laws of the state, as sole commissioner under the
6 resolve of March eighth, eighteen hundred and
7 eighty-one, as defined and arranged by the com-
8 mittee on the judiciary in pursuance of said re-
9 solve.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Accompanying Resolve in Favor of Charles W. Goddard.

The revision of the public laws of the State was entrusted to Charles W. Goddard of Portland, by a Resolve of March 8, 1881, (Chap. 32,) which required the Commissioner to complete the revision in separate titles, and on or before the first day of the next session of the legislature, to cause five hundred copies thereof to be printed, and to superintend the printing. The Resolve further authorized the Committee on the Judiciary, to arrange the details of the Commissioner's service, and his compensation.

Under this authority said Committee arranged the details of the Commissioner's duties, and fixed his compensation at five thousand dollars.

This compensation included not only his own personal services, both in the preparation of the work and in the superintendence of the printing, correction of the proof, &c., but all his expenditures, not only for clerk hire, but for postage, stationery, travel and all other expenses, leaving nothing for the State to pay except the printing and binding of the volumes.

For this mechanical part of the work, the Judiciary Committee contracted with the printer, in behalf of the State, and an appropriation of \$2,500 was made for him in 1881. But the Commissioner requested that no appropriation should be made in his behalf until his work had been completed to the acceptance of the Legislature, and for that reason none was made. He entered at once upon his duties, and completed them within the required period, so that the revision was laid

upon your tables on the first day of the session and has been in the hands of the special committee since its organization January 10.

In the opinion of the Committee, it is, in all respects, acceptable and equal to the requirements of the resolve and of the Judiciary Committee of 1881.

Indeed, it will be observed that the Commissioner has done much more than the resolve required, having submitted, in addition to his own suggestions, nearly fifty amendments to the law proposed by gentlemen from different parts of the State, whose advice he had solicited, besides several notes in reference to the U. S. Constitution, and the admission, secession and re-admission of the States, a valuable set of Reference Tables and Reference Indexes, and a note on the Sources of Land Titles in Maine, for all which he desires no extra compensation.

The Committee know no reason why the sum specified should not now be paid him.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 13, 1883. }

Presented by Mr. MATTOCKS, of Portland, and ordered printed
on his motion.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*