

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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RESOLVES

OF THE

THIRD LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED AT THE SESSION,

WHICH COMMENCED ON THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, AND ENDED
ON THE ELEVENTH DAY OF FEBRUARY, ONE THOUSAND EIGHT
HUNDRED AND TWENTY THREE.

PUBLISHED AGREEABLY TO THE RESOLVE OF JUNE 23, 1820.

PORTLAND:

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estimates as the Committee have been able to make, will not exceed the sum of thirty thousand dollars.

The Committee further report, that they have ascertained that the amount of expenses incurred in the prosecution and for the support of persons charged with or convicted of crimes and offences against the State, from June 1820, to November 1822, is forty-six thousand nine hundred and thirty dollars, and eighty-six cents; of this sum, thirty-one thousand three hundred and thirty dollars, and thirty-one cents, have been paid by the State, and fifteen thousand six hundred dollars, and fifty-five cents, by the several counties. For the more particular illustration of the facts and the principles upon which the Committee have founded the foregoing report, they would respectfully refer to documents herewith submitted, and marked from one to fourteen.

All which is respectfully submitted by

DANIEL ROSE,
BENJA. GREENE, } Committee.

Portland, January 13, 1823.

REPORT

Of the Committee on the location of the Seat of Government.

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Maine :

THE Committee appointed in pursuance of a Resolve of this State, of the 8th day of February, 1822, authorizing and directing them "to visit such towns as they might deem proper, and designate some central and suitable place at which the Seat of Government may be permanently fixed and established; to ascertain the terms upon which a convenient lot for the accommodation of the State can be obtained; and the time when it will be proper for the Legislature to meet at the place thus to be designated;" ask leave to REPORT:—

That they have attended to the duty assigned them. That they might be enabled more correctly to determine upon the place, which in their opinion would be the most central and suitable for a permanent establishment of the Seat of Government; and ascertain the terms upon which a convenient lot for the accommodation of the State might be obtained; they have visited the following towns, viz: Portland, Brunswick, Hallowell, Augusta, Waterville, Belfast and Wiscasset. In each of those towns, (following the directions of the before mentioned Resolve,) they were received by the respectable inhabitants with the most gratifying politeness; and in each of those towns a choice of very valuable lots are freely offered to the acceptance

of the State for the purposes proposed ; each of which lots (in the opinion of the committee) is capable of affording not only a convenient, but a very eligible site, for the erection and accommodation of all necessary public buildings. It cannot be necessary, nor perhaps is it expedient, that the committee should report in detail, all the arguments suggested, by situation and circumstances, which have been offered and urged upon the committee in favor of any one of the before mentioned towns, in preference to any other of them, or to any other place. It may be sufficient to observe, that the committee have endeavored to give every consideration its due weight. They are satisfied, that should it be thought most expedient to establish the Seat of Government in any town upon the sea board, Wiscasset is entitled to a decided preference on account of its more central situation, the facility with which it might be defended, in case of an invasion, and the safe and easy access to it by water, at all seasons of the year. Should it be thought most expedient that the Seat of Government be permanently established at some convenient place in the interior, the committee are unanimously of opinion that the site in Augusta, delineated upon a plan marked No. 1, accompanying the proposals offered by the inhabitants of said town, and subscribed by a committee appointed for that purpose, is the most central and suitable place, at which the Seat of Government may be permanently fixed and established. And the committee do respectfully report, That the town of Augusta, in the county of Kennebec, be the place at which the Seat of Government may be permanently fixed and established. And that it will be proper for the Legislature to meet at that place, on the first Wednesday of January, which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty.* All which is respectfully submitted by

DANIEL ROSE,
BENJAMIN GREENE, } *Committee.*

* This Report was amended in the Senate by striking out the words "twenty-seven" and inserting "thirty," and accepted, as amended, by both Houses of the Legislature.

STATE OF MAINE.

SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE, }
Portland, March 29, 1823. }

The foregoing Documents have been compared with the originals deposited in this office, and appear to be correctly printed.

AMOS NICHOLS, *Secretary of State.*