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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 28, 1820.

PORTLAND: PRINTED BY TODD AND SMITH, PRINTERS TO THE STATE. 1823. 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, Sccretary of State.