

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# RESOLVES

OF THE

NINTH LEGISLATURE,

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED AT THE SESSION

WHICH COMMENCED ON THE SEVENTH DAY OF JANUARY, AND ENDED ON  
THE SIXTH DAY OF MARCH, ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUN-  
DRED AND TWENTY NINE.

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Published agreeably to the Resolve of the 28th June, 1820.

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1829.

## MESSAGE OF THE GOVERNOR.

To the Senate and House of Representatives :

Herewith are transmitted several communications from the Rev. Thomas H. Gallaudit, Principal of the American Asylum for the education of the Deaf and Dumb.

By refering to the Resolve, entitled "Resolve for the assistance of the Deaf and Dumb," passed the twenty second day of February, one thousand eight hundred and twenty five, it will be found that the annual appropriation for the education of the Deaf and Dumb belonging to this State will expire on the twenty second day of February next. And it is also the fact that the actual expenditure has nearly exhausted the fund appropriated.

It is submitted to the consideration of the Legislature whether a further appropriation may not be expedient.

The Rev. Mr. Gallaudit, is now in Portland, accompanied by some of his pupils, and is, as I am informed, prepared to communicate personally such information as may enable any committee you may appoint, to judge of the course and effects of instruction in relation to the objects of public bounty provided for in the Resolve to which I have referred.

ENOCH LINCOLN.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,  
Portland, Jan. 21, 1829. }

## STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, January 26, 1829.

The Committee on Literature and Literary Institutions to whom was referred the Governor's communication of the twenty-first instant, in relation to an appropriation for the assistance of the Deaf and Dumb of this State, having had the same under consideration, ask leave to REPORT :—

That in their opinion, no Institution in our country can have stronger claims on the patronage of a humane public, or an enlightened Legislature than the Asylum for the education of the Deaf and Dumb. The beneficent effect which this education has produced, and is capable of producing, has recently been witnessed with equal surprise and pleasure. In the figurative language of the Bible, it brings them that *sit in darkness out of the prison house*, and opens the eye of mental vision of those who, in this respect, are born blind. It raises those who otherwise would be doomed to a mere sensitive existence to the rank of social and moral beings, and by imparting the instructions, inspires them with the hopes and consolations of religion. Your Committee, taking counsel only from their own feelings, would be inclined to

recommend a more liberal appropriation, but as benevolence, humanity, compassion, and even christian charity, must be under the guidance of a sound judgment, and all endeavors to do good be regulated by the means in possession, they are constrained to propose only the sums which heretofore have been granted, and for this purpose respectfully report a Resolve.

JOSHUA CUSHMAN, *Chairman.*

## CHAP. 7.

Resolve for the assistance of the Deaf and Dumb.

Approved February 5, 1829.

RESOLVED, That a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars, in each year, for the term of four years, commencing on the twenty third day of February next, be appropriated for the instruction and education of the indigent Deaf and Dumb, in the State of Maine, to be expended by the Governor and Council, at their discretion, defraying, in whole or in part, according to the needs of such as may make application, the expense of placing at the American Asylum, such Deaf and Dumb persons, as may appear the most proper subjects for education at such Institution.

## CHAP. 8.

Resolve authorizing the Governor to negotiate with the Penobscot Indians for the transfer of two townships of land to the State.

Approved February 7, 1829.

RESOLVED, That the Governor, with the advice of the Council, be, and hereby is empowered to appoint and commission some suitable person to negotiate with the Penobscot tribe of Indians for a release of their claim to either, or both, or any part of the two townships of land situate at the mouth of the Matawamkeag river, for such equivalent as may be agreed on, which shall be secured to said Indians, with interest, and paid to them at such times, and in such a manner as the Governor and Council may direct.