

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

OF THE

S T A T E O F M A I N E ,

A. D. 1843.

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RESOLVES

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

1843.

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CHAP. 185.

## Chapter 185.

Resolves in favor of the American Athenæum.

*Whereas*, certain citizens of the United States resident in Paris, France, have established by means of voluntary contribution, an institution in that city, for the purpose of collecting information in relation to the jurisprudence, the state of society and the institutions of America, and have solicited the cooperation of this state, to aid them in effecting that object, therefore

Secretary to furnish American Athenæum with certain books and documents.

*Resolved*, That the secretary of state be authorized and directed to forward to the American Athenæum, at Paris, one copy of the revised statutes, one set of the private and special laws and resolves, and legislative documents up to and including the present year, and one set of Dr. Jackson's reports on the geology of Maine.

Same subject.

*Resolved*, That the laws and resolves and legislative documents of this state, be transmitted to said institution annually, until otherwise directed by the legislature.

[*Approved March 22, 1843.*]

## Chapter 186.

Resolves in relation to the rights of certain citizens of this state.

Rights of certain citizens of this state.

*Resolved*, That while we deprecate all interference with the social institutions and rights of other states, and while we hold ourselves bound by the strongest possible obligations to comply with every requisition of the constitution of the United States, and especially with that of section 2d, article 4th, we do hold the right of every citizen, colored or not colored, to the protection of that constitution in his person and his property to be equally good.

Protest.

*Resolved*, That we do most solemnly, in behalf of the people of this state, protest against the existence of any laws in any of the states, or territories of this Union, which subject our free colored citizens to the liability to be arrested and imprisoned, and to be sold into slavery for the payment of the costs of such arrest and imprisonment—that we do protest against such laws as unconstitutional and as endangering this Union.

*Resolved*, That our senators in congress be instructed and our representatives requested to protest solemnly against such laws, and to use their best efforts to procure the repeal of all such laws within the states or territorial governments, if any such exist.

*Resolved*, That a copy of the foregoing resolutions be forwarded to each of our senators and representatives in congress, and to the governor of each of our states and territories.

[*Approved March 22, 1843.*]