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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

A. D. 1847.

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RESOLVES

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

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**Chapter 43.****CHAP. 43.**

Resolve in favor of Benjamin D. Eastman and George A. Nourse.

*Resolved*, That the land agent is hereby authorized to convey by deed to Benjamin D. Eastman and George A. Nourse ten lots of settling land containing one hundred and sixty acres each, in township letter E, in the first range of townships from the east line of the state, when the same shall have been lotted by the land agent, *provided*, the said Eastman and Nourse, shall within two years from the passage of this resolve, erect and put in operation in said township a good saw mill, and a good grist mill with two run of stones, also, a shingle and clapboard machine, and perform the settling duties required by law.

In favor of Benj.  
D. Eastman and  
Geo. A. Nourse.

[Approved July 31, 1847.]

**Chapter 44.**

Resolve relating to the valuation of the towns of Dresden and Perkins.

*Resolved*, That the number of polls set to the valuation of Dresden in the county of Lincoln be two hundred and eighty-nine, and the value of estates be two hundred forty-one thousand six hundred and seventy-seven dollars, instead of the number and sum now fixed by law. And that the valuation of the town of Perkins, in said county, be sixteen polls and sixteen thousand and eighty-three dollars as estates, and that all taxes after the present year, shall be assessed accordingly.

Valuation of  
Dresden.

—of Perkins.

[Approved July 31, 1847.]

**Chapter 45.**

Resolves providing for an amendment of the constitution in relation to the election of governor, senators and members of the house of representatives.

*Resolved*, Two thirds of both branches of the legislature concurring, that the constitution of this state shall be amended in the fifth section of the first part of the fourth article, by striking out the words, "a majority of all the" and inserting instead thereof, the words, "the highest number of," and by striking out the words "a majority" where they again occur in the same section and inserting instead thereof the words "the highest number;" also in the fourth

Amendment to  
the constitution.  
Art. 4, part 1, § 5.

Art. 4, part 2, § 4.

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section of the second part of the fourth article by striking out the words "a majority of the" and inserting instead thereof "the highest number of;" also in the fifth section of the second part of the fourth article by striking out the words "a majority," and inserting instead thereof, "the highest number;" also in the third section of the first part of the fifth article, by striking out the words "a majority of all the" and inserting instead thereof the words "the highest number of," and by striking out the words "a majority" where they again occur in the same section and inserting instead thereof the words "the highest number;" also in the first amendment to the constitution of this state, by striking out the words "a majority of all the," and inserting instead thereof the words "the highest number of."

First amendment to the constitution.

Duty of city, town and plantation officers.

*Resolved,* That the aldermen of cities, the selectmen of the several towns, and the assessors of the several plantations in this state, are hereby empowered and directed to notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations, in the manner prescribed by law, at the annual meeting in September next, to give in their votes upon the amendments proposed in the foregoing resolve;—and the question shall be, "shall the constitution be amended as proposed by a resolve of the legislature, providing, that the governor, senators and members of the house of representatives, shall be elected by the "highest number," instead of "a majority" of votes;—and the inhabitants of said cities, towns and plantations, shall vote by ballot on said questions of electing said officers separately; those in favor of said amendments respectively expressing it by the word "yes" upon their ballots, and those opposed to the amendments respectively expressing it by the word "no" upon their ballots; and the ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and declared, in open ward, town and plantation meetings, and lists shall be made out of the votes by the aldermen, selectmen and assessors, and clerks of the several cities, towns and plantations, and returned to the office of secretary of state, in the same manner as votes for senators, and the governor and council shall count the same and make return thereof to the next legislature, and if a majority of the votes are in favor of any of said amendments, the constitution shall be amended accordingly.

Duty of secretary of state.

*Resolved,* That the secretary of state shall prepare and furnish the several cities, towns and plantations, blank returns in conformity to the foregoing resolves, accompanied with a copy thereof.

[Approved August 2, 1847.]