

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

EXTRA SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 1853,

AND THE

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

1854.

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RESOLVES

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

EXTRA SESSION, 1853.

CHAP. 79.**Chapter 79.**

Resolve in favor of the town of Salem, in the county of Franklin.

State tax abated.

Resolved, That the treasurer be directed to make an abatement in the state tax assessed upon the town of Salem, in the county of Franklin, in obedience to the act passed March twenty-second, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, entitled "An act to apportion and assess on the inhabitants of this state a tax of two hundred and one thousand three hundred twenty-nine dollars eighty-three cents," of the sum of thirty dollars and six cents, so that the state tax under said act assessed upon said town shall be ninety dollars and ninety-one cents, instead of one hundred and twenty dollars ninety-seven cents.

Amount.

[Approved September 27, 1853.]

STATE OF MAINE.

THE joint special committee, to which was referred the message of the governor, in relation to the purchase of the lands owned by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and lying within the limits of the State of Maine, together with the report of the commissioners appointed under a resolve of the last session of the legislature to negotiate with the State of Massachusetts for said purchase, after obtaining all the information within their reach on the various branches of the subject committed to them, and as full a consideration of the same as time and the nature of the case would permit, have, with a vote nearly unanimous, decided to recommend the purchase, and to effect the same, the adoption of the resolutions herewith submitted.

On a subject which has received so large a share of the attention of the members of the legislature and the people of Maine, your committee have not deemed it advisable to prolong the session, by asking time to prepare an extended report, but submit the question for the action and decision of the legislature, with the brief remark, that, while we feel entire confidence that the state will in the end suffer no pecuniary loss by the purchase, we believe the honor and interest of our state require that the title of the State of Massachusetts to *all* lands within the limits of this state should be at once and forever *extinguished*.

We have the assurance of our commissioners that Massachusetts will, without unnecessary delay, convey to Messrs. McCrillis and Clark, the fee of all lands recently purchased by them of that Commonwealth, and by the passage of the resolutions herewith submitted, we shall have the control of our own territory, have our lands and