

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE

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OF THE

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GOVERNOR CHAMBERLAIN'S MESSAGES.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
Augusta, January 16, 1869. }

To the Senate and House of Representatives :

I have the honor to transmit for your consideration the Report of the Superintendent of the Insane Hospital, upon the condition of idiotic and demented patients at that Institution, made at the request of the Governor and Council in pursuance of the Resolve of March 7th, 1868, directing them to investigate this matter.

J. L. CHAMBERLAIN.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT. }
Augusta, January 16, 1869. }

To the Senate and House of Representatives :

I have the honor to lay before you a Report of General Statistics in regard to this State, furnished by Hon. John A. Poor, to enable me to comply with a request to this effect from the Department of the Interior at Washington.

This paper contains valuable matter, and I respectfully suggest that it be printed for general use.

J. L. CHAMBERLAIN.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
Augusta, January 23, 1869. }

To the Senate and House of Representatives :

I have the honor to transmit herewith the Report of the Railroad Commissioners for 1868. The suggestions looking to the more effective supervision of our railroads; and especially those relating to the enlargement of the powers of the Commissioners, appear to me highly important.

J. L. CHAMBERLAIN.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
Augusta, January 25, 1869. }

To the Senate and House of Representatives :

I have the honor to lay before you a copy of Resolutions passed by the Legislature of Vermont, relating to navigation between the United States and Canada. The subject is commended to your favorable consideration.

J. L. CHAMBERLAIN.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
Augusta, January 25, 1869. }

To the Senate and House of Representatives :

I have the honor to lay before you, at the request of the Governors of Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota and Missouri, a copy of a memorial to Congress, asking the United States Government to aid in opening a practicable water communication between the Mississippi river and the Great Lakes.

While this measure might not be so effective as we could wish, it would still contribute in some good degree to reduce the cost of transportation, and thus be of benefit to the East as well as to the West.

I commend the subject to your attention.

J. L. CHAMBERLAIN.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
Augusta, February 10, 1869, }

To the Senate and House of Representatives :

I have the honor to transmit the completed Report on the Water Power of Maine, with the recommendation that it be printed for distribution, in accordance with the design of the resolve providing for a Hydrographic Survey.

J. L. CHAMBERLAIN.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
Augusta, February 25, 1869. }

To the Senate and House of Representatives :

I lay before you herewith communications pertaining to the erection of monuments over the graves of soldiers from this State within the Military Division of the Tennessee; and also a communication of similar effect from Newark, New Jersey. I have

no means of forming an opinion on the merits of these applications.

JOSHUA L. CHAMBERLAIN.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
Augusta, March 5, 1869. }

To the President of the Senate :

In response to the order of the Senate calling for information as to the number of acres of land and amount of money donated to the European and North American Railway Company, I have the honor to state that no money has been given directly by the State in aid of this company; but all the interest of Maine in claims upon the United States Government which accrued prior to the year 1860 was assigned to the company. Upon this the sum of \$113,906.25 has been allowed and paid to the company.

By act of March 3, 1868, the State granted to the European and North American Railway Company "all the timber and lands belonging to the State situated upon the waters of the Penobscot and St. John rivers," with certain provisos and reservations, as will appear by reference to said act; the number of acres amounting in all to 717,442, together with certain fractional townships the contents of which have not been computed. For the more specific statement of these lands as to their location and contents, I refer you to the schedule accompanying, which has been prepared with much care by the Land Agent.

JOSHUA L. CHAMBERLAIN.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
Augusta, March 5, 1869. }

To the Senate and House of Representatives :

I have the honor to lay before you an official copy of a concurrent Resolution of Congress proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States regarding the rights of suffrage, upon which I recommend your favorable action.

JOSHUA L. CHAMBERLAIN.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
Augusta, March 8, 1869. }

To the Senate and House of Representatives :

I have the honor to lay before you the proposition of the Trustees of Gorham Seminary to convey the property of that Institution

to the State for the use of a Normal School. This appears to me a matter of so much importance that I cannot properly withhold it from your consideration even at this late period of the session.

JOSHUA L. CHAMBERLAIN.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
Augusta, March 8, 1869. }

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I have the honor to inform you that there are nearly a thousand copies of the Alphabetical Index of Maine Soldiers in the late War, which are now lying unused. It appears to me that these would be very serviceable to the towns in making up their accounts for the Commissioners of Municipal War Debts, and I therefore respectfully recommend that they be so distributed by order of the Legislature.

J. L. CHAMBERLAIN.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
Augusta, March 13, 1869. }

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I transmit herewith a list of the acts and resolves passed during the present session of the Legislature and approved by me, numbering 350 acts and 99 resolves.

I have no further communication to make.

JOSHUA L. CHAMBERLAIN.