

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

FIFTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1874.

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part of the country, which is so exposed and is so liable in case of war to become the seat of war ; AND WHEREAS, the nearest United States arsenal is at Watertown, Mass., two hundred miles from the central part of this state, and the water communication between it and the state is liable to be interrupted by an enemy, and was, during the war of eighteen hundred and twelve, cut off, and as our connection by railroad is chiefly along the margins of navigable rivers, and near the sea-coast ; AND WHEREAS, during the late war, a large quantity of arms and ordnance deposited at said arsenal, and large amount of military supplies prepared at the same, were sent forward, expeditiously, to the seat of war, as the same were needed, rendering important service at a particular juncture in our national affairs ; and WHEREAS, the buildings and land connected with and constituting the arsenal, will be of little value for any other purpose than an arsenal, and the same, at a small expense, can be converted into an arsenal of construction, with steam or water for a motive power ; AND WHEREAS the secretary of war, in his last report, has recommended the sale of said arsenal grounds and buildings, with others of minor importance, and a bill has been introduced into the United States senate, having for its object the abandonment of said arsenal, and directing the sale of the same, *therefore* :

*Resolved*, That, in the opinion of this legislature, a proper regard for the military defence of this state and of this part of the United States, requires the continued maintenance of the said arsenal at Augusta.

Continuance of arsenal at Augusta.

*Resolved*, That our senators and representatives in congress, be requested to use their influence to prevent the abandonment and sale of said arsenal by congress, and that they present to congress the advantages of changing the same to an arsenal of construction.

U. S. arsenal at Augusta, to prevent abandonment of.

*Resolved*, That the secretary of state forward a copy of these resolutions to each of our senators and representatives in congress.

Approved March 3, 1874.

## Chapter 261.

Resolve in favor of John B. Trafton.

*Resolved*, That the claim of John B. Trafton against the state, on account of services and disbursements by his deceased father, under direction of the land agent, be and hereby is referred to the governor and council, with authority to examine and adjudicate thereon, and if anything is found due said Trafton to satisfy the

John B. Trafton, in favor of.

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same by conveyance of land or otherwise, as they may deem just and equitable.

Approved March 3, 1874.

### Chapter 262.

Resolve authorizing the location of certain land certificates.

Land certificates,  
location of.

*Resolved,* That the land agent be and he is hereby authorized to convey to the lawful holders of unlocated land certificates granted by the state to officers and soldiers of the revolutionary war, and the widows of deceased officers and soldiers, under the provisions of resolves approved March seventeenth, eighteen hundred and thirty-five, and March twentieth, eighteen hundred and thirty-eight, or subsequent resolves, any vacant lands heretofore set apart to satisfy the claims of those holding certificates granted by authority of either of said resolves, together with any existing claims for trespasses which may have been committed on said lands.

Approved March 3, 1874.

### Chapter 263.

Resolve in favor of Aroostook county.

Aroostook county,  
in favor of.

*Resolved,* That there be paid from the state treasury, the sum of one hundred and eighty-five dollars, to the treasurer of Aroostook county, to refund said treasury for amount expended by the county commissioners in eighteen hundred and seventy-three, in repairing the highway over state lands in township number eight, range five, and township L, range two, in said county.

Approved March 3, 1874.

### Chapter 264.

Resolve relating to ventilation of the halls and committee rooms of the state house.

Ventilation of  
public buildings.

*Resolved,* That the superintendent of public buildings, under the direction of the governor and council, be and is hereby authorized to cause the hall of the house of representatives, senate chamber, and committee rooms in the state house to be provided with suitable ventilation, the expense not to exceed two thousand dol-