

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES
OF THE
SIXTIETH LEGISLATURE

OF THE
STATE OF MAINE.

1881.

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GOVERNOR DAVIS' MESSAGE.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
Augusta, January 5, 1881. }

*To the President of the Senate and
Speaker of the House of Representatives:*

In conformity to the provisions of Section XI, Part I, Article V, of the Constitution, I herewith communicate a list embracing every case of reprieve, remission of penalty, commutation or pardon granted by me, with the advice and consent of the Council, in the year 1880, and stating the name of the convict, the crime for which he was convicted, the date of the reprieve, remission, commutation or pardon, and the conditions, if any, upon which the same was granted.

DANIEL F. DAVIS.

GOVERNOR DAVIS' PROCLAMATION.

STATE OF MAINE.

A PROCLAMATION.

BY THE GOVERNOR.

WHEREAS, The Legislature on January 27, 1880, by the concurrent vote of both branches proposed an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Maine, by Resolves as follows, to wit:

"Resolves providing for amendment of the Constitution, so as to elect the Governor by a plurality, instead of a majority, of votes.

Resolved, Two-thirds of both branches of the Legislature concurring, that the Constitution of this State shall be

amended, in the third section of the first part of article five, by striking out the word "majority," wherever it occurs therein, and inserting in the place thereof the word 'plurality;' and a plurality of the votes cast and returned for Governor, at the annual September election for the year eighteen hundred and eighty, shall determine the election of Governor for the years eighteen hundred and eighty-one and two.

Resolved, That the aldermen of cities, selectmen of towns, and the assessors of plantations, in the 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 amendment proposed in the foregoing resolve; and the question shall be, "Shall the Constitution be amended so as to provide for the election of Governor by a plurality, instead of a majority?" And the inhabitants of said cities, towns and plantations shall vote by ballot on said question, those in favor of said amendment voting "yes," and those opposed voting "no," upon their ballots; and the ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meeting; and fair lists of the votes shall be made out by the aldermen of cities, selectmen of towns, and assessors of plantations, and signed by them, and attested by the clerks, and returned to the office of the Secretary of State within thirty days after the election. And the Governor and Council shall open, examine and count the same immediately after the expiration of said thirty days; and if it shall appear that a majority of the votes cast and returned on the question is in favor of said amendment, it shall then be a part of the Constitution, and the Governor shall make known the fact by his proclamation.

Resolved, That the Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to the several cities, towns and plantations, blank returns, in conformity with the foregoing resolves, accompanied by a copy thereof."

And the lists of votes having been made out and returned to the office of the Secretary of State, and examined and counted by the Governor and Council, are found to be as follows, to wit: Fifty-seven thousand and fifteen votes for,

and thirty-five thousand four hundred and two votes against said proposed amendment.

Now, therefore, I, Daniel F. Davis, Governor of the State of Maine, in accordance with said Resolves, do issue this my Proclamation to make known the fact.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed, at Augusta, this ninth day of [L. s.] November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and fifth.

DANIEL F. DAVIS.

By the Governor.

S. J. CHADBOURNE, *Secretary of State.*