

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Chapter 231.**

Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to deed Clark's Ledge to the United States of America.

*Resolved,* That the land agent is hereby authorized, in the name and on behalf of the state, to execute and deliver to the United States of America, a good and sufficient deed of the parcel of land hereinafter described, so that all of the title of the state in and to the same may vest in the United States, namely: The ledge designated as Clark's Ledge on page thirty, division A, of the Atlantic Coast Pilot, second edition, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, and described as lying about three hundred and seventy-five yards above Todd's Head, and about one hundred yards from shore; the said ledge being nearly or wholly submerged at high water, and the portion exposed at low water, is about two hundred feet long and seventy-five or one hundred feet wide.

Land agent,  
authorized to  
deed certain  
lands to the  
United States.

Approved March 8 1889.

**Chapter 232.**

Resolve to provide a Commission to inquire into the system of taxation of other states and this state and report to the Governor and Council.

*Resolved,* That the governor be and hereby is, by and with the consent of the council authorized and empowered to appoint a commission consisting of three persons whose duty it shall be to inquire into the system adopted by other states to raise revenue for state, county and municipal expenses, and to provide for a more equal, just and equitable system of taxation, of all kinds of property in this state, for the purposes of said state, county and municipal expenses, that shall be better adapted to the wants of this state and reduce the rate of taxation of the people; and to provide for a better, and more effectual system of assessment and collection of taxes, in this state; said commissioners to be paid from any money in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated, such a sum for their services as shall be allowed by the governor and council and for necessary clerk hire and incidental expenses and to report to the governor and council on or before the first day of October in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and ninety; and that the governor shall

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cause their report to be printed and distributed at the state's expense, three copies of which shall be sent by mail or otherwise to each member of the present legislature to their proper residence; and one thousand copies of said report shall be provided for the use of the next legislature of this state.

Approved March 8, 1889.

**Chapter 233.**

Resolve in favor of enlargement of the State House.

Enlargement of  
State House, in  
favor of.

*Resolved*, That the governor of the state and four others to be appointed by him, two of whom shall be members of each of the two leading political parties, are hereby constituted a commission, and are directed to take immediate steps to obtain plans and specifications for such an enlargement and alteration of the state house as will provide ample, convenient and fire-proof apartments for the state library, and for the records and documents of the various departments of the state government, and for the use and accommodation of the legislature and its committees; and shall thereupon proceed to contract for, prosecute and superintend the construction and completion of said enlargement and alterations; and that the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars be and hereby is appropriated for said enlargements and alterations, to be expended under the direction of said commission, and for the reasonable expenses of said commission, to be audited by the governor and council.

Provided, That said commission shall not proceed to make any expenditure, or contract therefor, until they shall have first and obtained a contract or contracts from responsible parties, to build and complete the necessary fire proof additions to the Capitol, for a sum not exceeding the amount specified in this resolve, which contract shall be secured by a bond to be approved by a majority of this commission.

Approved March 12, 1889.