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STATE OF MAINE.**IN SENATE, *February 22, 1833.***

The Joint Standing Committee on Public Buildings, to whom were referred so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the Public Buildings, a communication from the Governor accompanying a report of the Council who audited the accounts of Reuel Williams, Commissioner of Public Buildings, and the report of the said Commissioner, having had the same under consideration, ask leave to

R E P O R T .

In June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven, the Governor and Council first held a Session in the town of Augusta, and selected this elevated spot, on which to erect this noble and costly edifice. The lot was then conveyed to the State, by a good and sufficient deed, executed and delivered, and by them unani-

mously accepted. During that year, the lot was fenced, and in part was ornamented with forest trees. The Legislature, in the year 1828, authorized the Governor, with the advice of Council, to appoint a Commissioner of Public Buildings. The Commissioner was empowered and required to obtain plans and estimates of the probable expense of preparing the grounds, of erecting and finishing the public buildings of durable materials, upon the State lot in Augusta. Upon the plan and estimate being adopted by the Governor and Council, and upon their certifying the same to the Commissioner, the said Commissioner was empowered to proceed, and prepare the grounds, provide materials, and cause the building to be erected and finished conformably to the plan approved by the Governor and Council; subject, however, to such changes, modifications and alterations, as, in the progress of the work, might be suggested, and approved by the Governor and Council. Ten townships and half townships of land, by the Legislature of 1828, were, by that Legislature, appropriated for the purpose of erecting and completing the Public Buildings, and the Land Agent was directed to sell them at vendue, to the highest bidder, and to pay the proceeds of the sales into the Treasury of the State. The sales of these Lands brought into the Treasury the sum of sixty thousand two hundred and sixty-six dollars and eighty cents. William King was, in 1828, appoint-

ed the first Commissioner of Public Buildings; and, during that year, expended thereupon the sum of \$1999 35; and, during the succeeding year, expended thereon the sum of \$28672 80. In the year 1830, William Clark received the appointment of Commissioner of Public Buildings, and expended upon the same, during that year, the sum of \$56237 41, inclusive of his commissions. In the year 1831, Reuel Williams was appointed to that office, who has since continued and officiated therein, and, during that year, laid out upon the Public Buildings and grounds the sum of \$27896 73, and, in the purchase of articles of furniture for the respective offices, the sum of \$5286 97. During the past year, the last mentioned Commissioner has expended, and mostly upon the fences, grounds, and alteration of the dome, the sum of \$18898 28. The whole amount of expenditures for the erection and finishing the Public Buildings, leveling the grounds, and building the fences, and in the purchase of the furniture for rooms and offices, is \$138991 34. Two or three hundred dollars will now complete the whole undertaking—level the grounds, and finish the beautifully curved elliptical fence about the yards. It is stated that the sales of surplus materials on hand will meet this expenditure. Of the expenditure of 1832, the sum of \$775 01, exclusive of sales of old copper, was paid out for altering the dome and painting it three

times; \$25 for removing stones and making conductors on roof; \$293 75 for making Engrossing Clerk's room and making Library room; \$42 50 for making a counter in the Secretary's office; \$89 for finishing four safes and locks; \$111 50 for painting the ceiling of the Senate Chamber; \$12 75 for making repairs on pump; \$39 92 for making and repairing numbers to the seats in the Representatives' Hall, and painting spit boxes; \$544 50 for extra on front gate and gate way, and making drains from the house and culverts under the walls; \$90 01 for small additions and alterations; \$101 50 for furniture. During the year 1832, there has been received by the Commissioner for sales of articles, and for labor and rents of State grounds, the sum of \$645 83. In the year 1831, the Legislature appropriated the sum of \$25000, to be laid out upon the Public Buildings, on condition that a sufficient bond, in the penal sum of fifty thousand dollars, be given by the inhabitants of Augusta to the Treasurer of the State, to secure the payment of all sums of money which should be required over and above the said sum of \$25000, perfectly and entirely to complete and finish the Public Grounds and Buildings. Such bond was offered and accepted, a copy of which has been before us. On the settlement of the Commissioner's claims, by the Governor and Council, on the first day of January last, there was in the hands of the Commissioner

the sum of \$3860 26, being the balance of the sum raised in 1831. Agreeable to the report of the Council, bearing date February 14, 1833, the sum of \$11466 75 was on the first day of January last past, due the Commissioner for expenditures made in "finishing the House, preparing the grounds, erecting the stone walls, making the iron fences, &c., as provided for in the bond given to the State by individuals of Augusta;" and \$2925 44 for making alterations, additions and repairs, as directed by the Governor and Council, including the services of the Commissioner for that year.

The whole amount received by William King, for his services as Commissioner of Public Buildings, from October 10, 1828, to March, 1830, is \$1700.

The amount received by William Clark, for his services as Commissioner, from March 30, 1830, to January 1, 1831, is \$930.

The amount paid Reuel Williams, including his services for the year 1832, is \$1600: amounting in the whole to \$4230.

The first copping of the dome was ascertained, by the Commissioner, to be so imperfect and leaky as to endanger the building, and require immediate repairs. No blame is attributed by him to the contractors, the labor apparently being performed in a good and workmanlike manner. It was deemed expedient to strip the dome, increase the pitch, and copper it anew; and although the undertaking was

expensive, yet it has rewarded the State with a tight, safe and beautiful dome. The alteration of the front gate and gate way, from the original plan, was advised and directed, that they should better conform with the architecture of the building. Being furnished with a building of as splendid workmanship and excellent materials as any State in the Union can boast of, it is now incumbent upon us to preserve it, and beautify its yards and adjacent grounds. In duty to the citizens of this State who have contributed so largely to its erection, and in courtesy to strangers and visitors from other States, it is judged advisable that some suitable person or persons be employed to superintend the Public Buildings and grounds, and afford every facility to visitors in viewing and examining our splendid Capitol. The grounds around the building, and more especially on the north and south of it, should be ornamented with trees, the whole sown into grass, some parts perhaps turfed; and frequent vigilance is required to prevent them from washing and gullyng. Constant employment may be furnished a superintendant, in attentions, improvements and repairs. To reimburse the moneys expended by the Commissioner, and to make provisions for the employment of a superintendant, your Committee recommend the passage of the accompanying Resolves.

JAIRUS S. KEITH, *Chairman.*

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED
AND THIRTY-THREE.

RESOLVES in favor of the Commissioner of Public Buildings, and to appoint a Superintendent of Public Buildings.

Resolved, That there be paid to Reuel Williams, Commissioner of Public Buildings, out of the Treasury of the State, the sum of two thousand one hundred and twenty-five dollars, and forty-four cents in full for alterations, additions and repairs, by him made in said building, as directed by the Governor and Council; the same to draw interest from the first day of January last past, and payable at the pleasure of the Government.

Resolved, That there be paid to Reuel Williams, Commissioner of Public Buildings, out of the Treasury of the State, the sum of eleven thousand four hundred and sixty-six dollars and seventy-five cents, with interest from the first day of January last past, to reimburse that sum by him expended in finishing the House, preparing the grounds, erecting the stone walls, making the iron fences, &c. as

provided for in a bond given to the State by individuals of Augusta, the same made payable at the pleasure of the Government.

Resolved, That said Commissioner be allowed and paid from the Treasury of the State, the further sum of eight hundred dollars in full for all services by him hitherto rendered, in the discharge of the duties of said office.

Resolved, That the Governor with the advice of Council, be and hereby is authorized to appoint some suitable person or persons, for a sum not exceeding four hundred dollars, whose duty it shall be to superintend and take charge of the public grounds and buildings, for the year ensuing.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That We, Daniel Cony, James Bridge, Henry W. Fuller, Thomas W. Smith, Greenwood C. Child, James Child, Robert C. Vose, John Eveleth, Edward Williams, Greenlief White, Charles Williams, Luther Severance, John Potter, Nathaniel Robinson, Cyrus Guild, Daniel Williams, Smith L. Gale, Elias Craig, jr., Bartholomew Nason, Eben Fuller, Willard Snell, Peter A. Brinsmade, Thomas Parker, James Bridge, jr., Alfred Redington, Harlow Spaulding, James W. Bradbury, William Dewey, Joseph Chandler, Elisha Child, Mark Nason, J. R. Palmer, John Hills, Theophilus Hamlen, W. Mann, John Pope, Joseph P. Dillingham, Hannibal Dillingham, Virgil H. Hewes, Horatio Bridge, Elihu Robinson, Church Williams, John Means, Dudley P. Bailey, Daniel Bailey, Arno Bittues, Cyrus Briggs, Benjamin Swan, Franklin Gage, Thomas Little, Frederick Spenser, Frederick Wingate, J. T. Gilpatrick, Russel Eaton, William Bridge, and Henry Williams of Augusta, in the County of Kennebec, are holden and stand firmly bound and obliged unto Abner B. Thompson, Esquire, as Treasurer of the State of Maine, in the penal sum of fifty thousand dollars, to be paid to the said Treasurer, or his successor in office, on demand. To which payment well and truly to be made we jointly and severally bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, and administrators firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals, and dated this twenty-sixth day of March, Anno Domini eighteen hundred and thirty one.

The condition of the above obligation is such, that if the said Daniel Cony, James Bridge, Henry W. Fuller, Thomas W. Smith, Greenwood C. Child, James Child, Robert C. Vose, John Eveleth, Edward Williams, Greenlief White, Charles Williams, Luther Severance, John Potter, Nathaniel Robinson, Cyrus Guild, Daniel Williams, Smith L. Gale, Elias Craig, jr., Bartholomew Nason, Eben Fuller, Willard Snell, Peter A. Brinsmade, Thomas Parker, James Bridge, jr., Alfred Redington, Harlow Spaulding, James W. Bradbury, William Dewey, Joseph Chandler, Elisha Child, Mark Nason, J. R. Palmer, John Hills,

Theophilus Hamlen, W. Mann, John Pope, Joseph P. Dillingham, Hannibal Dillingham, Virgil H. Hewes, Horatio Bridge, Elihu Robinson, Church Williams, John Means, Dudley P. Bailey, Daniel Bailey, Arno Bittues, Cyrus Briggs, Benjamin Swan, Franklin Gage, Thomas Little, Frederick Spenser, Frederick Wingate, J. T. Gilpatrick, Russel Eaton, William Bridge, and Henry Williams, or any others on their behalf, shall pay any and all sums of money which shall be necessary beyond the sum of twenty five thousand dollars appropriated by the Legislature, perfectly and entirely to complete and finish the public buildings at Augusta outside and inside in season for the next Legislature, to meet therein, and in a style and manner to be approved by the Governor and Council, the obligers to have the benefit of all materials now on hand, and shall within such time as the Governor and Council may specify, cause the grounds concluded with said public buildings to be suitably levelled and prepared, cause such stone steps to be made, and cause said grounds to be enclosed with such iron fences as the Governor and Council may direct free of all expense to the State, and that said grounds shall be levelled, prepared, the walks paved with bricks or stones and finished, and the stone steps and fences made, placed and finished in the manner contemplated in the estimate of said grounds reported on the fifth day of February last, by the Joint Select Committee on Public Buildings and to the acceptance of the Governor and Council and shall not ask for or receive any remuneration or compensation from the State for any sum or sums of money which may be paid by them, or for any materials or labor which may be required, and furnished by them, to fulfil and perform the conditions aforesaid, and shall submit to and abide by all the other stipulations mentioned and contained in the proviso to the resolve making an appropriation for completing the Public Buildings passed March eighteenth, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one, then the foregoing bond to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect—and any application by said obligors for any remuneration or compensation as aforesaid or the receipt thereof by them, shall be taken and

deemed a breach of the condition of this bond, and in a suit on said bond for breach of the conditions thereof, said obligors shall pay the whole penal sum of said bond, deducting therefrom only the amount which they shall prove to have been expended in the performance of said conditions beyond said sum of twenty five thousand dollars.

<i>Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of</i>	Daniel Cony,	[L. S.]
Edm'd T. Bridge, Witness to	James Bridge,	[L. S.]
signatures of D. Cony, J. Bridge,	Henry W. Fuller,	[L. S.]
H. W. Fuller, T. W. Smith, G.	Thomas W. Smith,	[L. S.]
C. Child, Nathaniel Robinson,	Greenwood C. Child,	[L. S.]
Cyrus Guild, John Eveleth, Ed-	Nathaniel Robinson,	[L. S.]
ward Williams, Jas. Bridge, jr.,	Cyrus Guild,	[L. S.]
B. Nason, E. Fuller, A. Red-	John Eveleth,	[L. S.]
ington, E. Craig, jr., P. A. Brins-	Edward Williams,	[L. S.]
made, W. Snell, H. Spaulding,	James Bridge, jr.,	[L. S.]
J. W. Bradbury, W. Dewey, G.	B. Nason,	[L. S.]
White, Jesse Robinson, and Sil-	Eben Fuller,	[L. S.]
las L. Wait.	Alfred Redington,	[L. S.]
William M. Doe, Witness to	E. Craig, jr.,	[L. S.]
James Child, Jos. Chandler, Eli-	P. A. Brinsmade,	[L. S.]
sha Child, Mark Nason, Robert	Willard Snell,	[L. S.]
C. Vose, James R. Palmer, J.	H. Spaulding,	[L. S.]
Hills, Theo. Hamlen, William	J. W. Bradbury,	[L. S.]
Mann, Jno. Pope, J. P. Dilling-	Daniel Williams,	[L. S.]
ham, Hannibal Dillingham, Vir-	William Dewey,	[L. S.]
gil H. Hewes, Horatio Bridge,	Greenleaf White,	[L. S.]
Charles Williams, Thomas Par-	James Child,	[L. S.]
ker, Elihu Robinson, Church	Jos. Chandler,	[L. S.]
Williams, John Means, Dudley	Elisha Child,	[L. S.]
P. Bailey, Daniel Bailey, Arno	Mark Nason,	[L. S.]
Bittues, John Potter, Luther	Robert C. Vose,	[L. S.]
Severance, Cyrus Briggs, Smith	James R. Palmer,	[L. S.]
L. Gale, Benjamin Swan, F.	J. Hills,	[L. S.]
Gage, Thomas Little, Frederick	Theo. Hamlen,	[L. S.]
Spenser, and Frederick Wingate.	Wm. Mann,	[L. S.]
Daniel Waldron, Witness to	Jno. Pope,	[L. S.]
signature of J. T. Gillpatrick.	J. P. Dillingham,	[L. S.]
Geo. Crosby, Witness to sig-	Hannibal Dillingham,	[L. S.]
nature of Russell Eaton.	Virgil H. Hewes,	[L. S.]
Jos. D. Emery, Witness to	Horatio Bridge,	[L. S.]
the signatures of William Bridge	Charles Williams,	[L. S.]
and Henry Williams.	Thomas Parker,	[L. S.]

Elihu Robinson,	[L. S.]	F. Gage,	[L. S.]
Church Williams,	[L. S.]	Thomas Little,	[L. S.]
John Means,	[L. S.]	Frederick Spenser,	[L. S.]
Dudley P. Bailey,	[L. S.]	Frederick Wingate,	[L. S.]
Daniel Bailey,	[L. S.]	Jesse Robinson,	[L. S.]
Arno Bittues,	[L. S.]	Silas L. Wait,	[L. S.]
John Potter,	[L. S.]	J. T. Gillpatrick,	[L. S.]
Luther Severance,	[L. S.]	Russell Eaton,	[L. S.]
Cyrus Briggs,	[L. S.]	Wm. Bridge,	[L. S.]
Smith L. Gale,	[L. S.]	Henry Williams,	[L. S.]
Benjamin Swan,	[L. S.]		

IN SENATE, February 22, 1839.

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Attest,

T. J. CARTER, *Secretary.*