

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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THE LEGISLATURE,

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

DURING ITS SESSION

**A. D. 1834.**

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**FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE.**

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**NO. 18.**

**SENATE.**

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**STATE OF MAINE.**

*In Senate, February 4, 1834.*

The Joint Select Committee, to whom was referred so much of the Governor's Message, as relates to the subject of Internal Improvements, have had that subject under consideration, and ask leave to report a Resolve, which is herewith submitted.

**ENOCH FARNHAM, *Chairman.***

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## STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD, ONE THOUSAND EIGHT  
HUNDRED AND THIRTY FOUR.

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**RESOLVE** establishing a Board of Internal Im-  
provements.

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*Resolved,* That the Governor and Land Agent of this State for the time being, and the Commissioners to be appointed as hereinafter provided, be and hereby are constituted a Board of Internal Improvements for the State of Maine, for the purposes and with the powers hereinafter named. The Governor with the advice and consent of the Council shall appoint three men of intelligence, integrity and sound judgment for Commissioners aforesaid, to be selected from different sections of the State, as follows: one from the western, one from the middle, and one from the eastern section of the State. The Commissioners shall be appointed to hold their offices for four years, subject to be removed at the pleasure of the Governor and Council, and each Commissioner shall receive as compensation, in full for his services and expenses, the sum of five dollars per day each day he is engaged. No single Commissioner, however, shall receive a larger sum than five hundred dollars for his services

for one year ; nor shall any person be a Commissioner who is engaged, directly or indirectly, in speculating in said lands or timber.

It shall be the duty of said Commissioners, or such of them as by a vote of the Board shall be authorized, to explore and examine the great water courses of the State, and also different parts of the State where it may be supposed that Canals, Roads Railroads or other important Internal Improvements may be made for the benefit of the State.— And for this purpose the Board shall be authorized to employ a Civil Engineer and necessary assistants. And it shall be the duty of the Commissioners to make report of their doings, with plans of the surveys they have made, together with estimates of the cost of the improvements they recommend, at the commencement of each session of the Legislature. *Provided, however,* that the Governor and Land Agent shall not be required to act on any exploring committee, nor receive any compensation for their services. The Governor shall be President of the Board.

No application to the State for pecuniary aid, shall hereafter be sustained by the Legislature, for a canal, road, rail road, or other internal improvement, until the subject shall have been examined by the Board of Internal Improvements, and that Board has reported to the Legislature thereon, stating the advantage or necessity of such work, and the probable amount it will cost to execute it.

The Board shall have power to employ a Secretary and adopt such rules and regulations, not repugnant to the laws of this State, as are necessary and convenient for conducting the affairs of the Board. The sum of three thousand five hundred dollars is hereby appropriated to defray the expenses of said Board for the current year; and the Governor is authorized to draw his warrant on the Treasurer for the above sum, or such part thereof as shall be required, to be paid from any monies in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

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STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 5, 1834.

Ordered, that three hundred copies of the foregoing Report and Resolve be printed for the use of the Legislature.

(Extract from the Journal.)

Attest, WILLIAM TRAFTON, *Secretary*.