

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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THE LEGISLATURE,

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STATE OF MAINE,

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FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE.

NO. 32.

HOUSE.

STATE OF MAINE.

In Senate, Feb. 6, 1834.

THE Joint Standing Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred so much of the Governor's Message as relates to "a new edition of the two first volumes of the Laws of Maine," have had that subject under consideration, and ask leave to Report :

That they are of opinion that this new edition is a great improvement on the first. That in it typographical errors, and mistakes in punctuation are corrected. Reference is made to all previous and subsequent Acts on the same page with the text; so that it can be seen at once whence the Act originated, and any alterations or modifications that have been made in the same, by subsequent or repealing Acts; references are also made, at the bottom of the page, to such judicial constructions as have been given to the Acts, and other illustrations or analogies. Your Committee have been advised that the two volumes of this new edition will cost six dollars, or that this price is fixed by the proprietors of

the work, neatly bound in sheep and lettered. Should this be a reasonable price at retail, your Committee, taking into consideration the number of volumes proposed to be taken by the State, and the prompt pay for the same, have come to the conclusion that these two first volumes can be furnished at five dollars. Many new towns incorporated within a short period, also some organized plantations, are not furnished with the old edition of the laws, and what remains of the same is not sufficient to answer that demand, so that a new edition of the laws in some shape or other will be demanded, should the Legislature decline purchasing the edition proposed;—and they are of opinion that no new edition can be furnished at a cheaper rate than the one proposed to be purchased. The number of sets of the work your Committee have agreed upon: and recommend the purchase of *Six Hundred Sets*. And with this view, have provided that their distribution be as extensive as was that of the third volume of the laws; they are persuaded that such distribution would be interesting to the people of the State, affording to all the benefits of the new work, and would serve to relieve them from the uncertainties of what Statute Laws are now in force, what have been modified by additional Acts, and what have been repealed. Your Committee, therefore, report the accompanying Resolve, in order to carry the objects of this report into effect.

NATH'L GROTON, *per order*.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

A RESOLVE providing for the purchase of Six Hundred Sets of the two first volumes of the Laws of Maine.

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized to purchase Six Hundred Sets of the new edition of the two first volumes of the Laws of this State, edited and revised by Francis O. J. Smith, at a price not exceeding Five Dollars a set. *And provided*, said volumes be printed on as good paper and as well bound and lettered as those exhibited to the present Legislature as a sample of the whole work.

Resolved, That the Secretary of State cause one set of the new edition of said Laws to be distributed in manner following, viz:—To the Clerk of each town and plantation which pays a State tax, one set for the use of such town or plantation. To each Clerk of the Judicial Courts of this State one copy, for the use of their respective Counties. To the Governor and to each Judge of the Supreme Judicial Court, and Court of Common Pleas one set. To the Judges of Probate in the several

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Counties one set each, for the use of the Probate officers in said Counties. One set to the Sheriff and Gaoler of each County, to be for their use while in office and afterwards to be delivered over to their successors. To the Attorney General and several County Attornies one set each, for their use while in office, and afterwards to be delivered to their successors. One set to the offices of the Secretary and Treasurer of the State. One set to the library of Congress, and one set to the Legislature of each of the United States.

Resolved, That a sum, not exceeding three thousand dollars, be and hereby is appropriated for the purpose of defraying the expense of the purchase of said Laws, as herein provided, to be allowed and paid out of the Treasury under the direction of the Governor and Council.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 20, 1834. }

ORDERED, That three hundred copies be printed for the use of the Legislature.

[Extract from the Journal.]

Attest, ASAPH R. NICHOLS, *Clerk.*