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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

DURING ITS SESSION

A. D. 1841.

Augusta:
SEVERANCE AND DORR, PRINTERS TO THE STATE.

1841.

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE.

NO. 15.

SENATE.

RESOLVES

IN RELATION TO

HON. REUEL WILLIAMS.

SEVERANCE & DORR,.....Printers to the State.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVES in relation to Reuel Williams, a Senator in Congress, from the State of Maine.

WHEREAS, The Hon. Reuel Williams, now a
2 Senator in Congress from this State, did, previous
3 to his election to said office, declare and publish,
4 that it is the duty of the elected to obey the will of
5 his constituents, if instructed what that will is,
6 or resign his trust, thereby pledging himself to the
7 people of this State that he would pursue that
8 course.

AND WHEREAS, The Legislature of this State,
2 did, on the 9th day of February last, pass certain
3 Resolutions, instructing the said Reuel Williams
4 what the will of his constituents is in relation to cer-
5 tain measures, and among others, in relation to the
6 repeal of the *Independent Treasury Bill*, so called.

AND WHEREAS, The said Reuel Williams did,
2 immediately after the receipt of said Resolutions,
3 in violation of the pledge which he had given, of
4 the wishes of the people of this State, and of the

5 instructions of the Legislature as contained in said
6 Resolutions, vote against a proposition to repeal
7 said Independent Treasury Law, under the pretence
8 that he could not understand the meaning of those
9 Resolutions.

THEREFORE RESOLVED, That said Reuel Wil-
2 liams is hereby instructed, that those Resolutions
3 mean precisely what they say, and he is further
4 instructed to obey the same, in conformity to his
5 pledge, and that it is the deliberate opinion of this
6 Legislature that he is bound to give to this Legis-
7 lature and to the people of this State, some satis-
8 factory assurance that he will redeem his pledge by
9 voting in conformity to the instructions contained
10 in said Resolutions, or to redeem it by resigning
11 his seat in the Senate—and he is instructed so to
12 do.

RESOLVED, That a copy of these Resolutions be
2 transmitted by the Governor to the President of the
3 Senate of the United States, and to the said delin-
4 quent Senator.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, March 17, 1841.

These Resolves (laid on the table by Mr. CUTLER) were once read and ordered to be laid on the table, and 500 copies be printed for the use of the Legislature.

[Extract from the Journal.]

ATTEST,

DANIEL SANBORN, *Secretary.*