

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE

# STATE OF MAINE,

DURING ITS SESSIONS

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**TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE.**

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**NO. 50.]**

**[SENATE.**

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**REPORT AND RESOLVE**

IN RELATION TO

**THE PUBLIC LANDS.**

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**[WM. R. SMITH & Co.....Printers to the State.]**



## STATE OF MAINE.

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THE joint select committee to which was referred so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the distribution of the sales of Public Lands;—also communications addressed to the Executive of this State on the same subject from the Legislatures of Massachusetts, Alabama, Georgia, and South Carolina, have had the same under consideration and ask leave to REPORT the following resolutions, which are herewith submitted.

VIRGIL D. PARRIS, *Chairman.*



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## STATE OF MAINE.

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RESOLVED, That the only sure safeguard of the  
2 liberties of the people, is the rigid abstinence by  
3 Congress from the exercise of all powers, not  
4 expressly granted by the Constitution, or which  
5 are not clearly necessary to carry them into ef-  
6 fect, and that the assumption of powers upon  
7 loose and vague implications is directly calculat-  
8 ed to change a government, intended to be one  
9 of defined limits, into an unbridled and all per-  
10 vading despotism.

RESOLVED, That we have witnessed with con-  
2 sternation and alarm an assumption of power in  
3 Congress, at its late extra session, in passing an  
4 act distributing the proceeds of the sales of our  
5 public domain among the States of this Union,  
6 subversive of the principles of our free institu-  
7 tions, and having an obvious and inevitable ten-  
8 dency to transform our republican system of

9 government into one of arbitrary and consoli-  
10 dated powers.

RESOLVED, That our Senators in Congress be  
2 instructed and our Representatives be earnestly  
3 solicited to exert their influence to procure an  
4 immediate repeal of the act of Congress above  
5 mentioned.

RESOLVED, That the Governor be requested to  
2 transmit copies of these resolutions to the Pres-  
3 ident of the United States, to the Governors of the  
4 several States, and also to each of our Senators  
5 and Representatives in Congress.





STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE, March 16, 1842.

ORDERED, That 300 copies of the foregoing Resolves be printed  
for the use of the Senate.

(Extract from the Journal.)

Attest,

JERE HASKELL, *Secretary.*