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OF THE

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[HOUSE.

REPORTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

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STATE OF MAINE.

THE Committee on Finance, to which was referred an Order, directing them to inquire into the expediency of reporting a resolve or resolves authorizing the treasurer to receive any and every sum of money due from the United States to this State, or credited by the United States to this State, as her portion of the proceeds of the sales of the public land, under the distribution Act, have directed me to report the accompanying Preamble and Resolve.

SAMUEL MILDRAM, *per order.*

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE authorizing the reception of certain monies
by this State.

FORASMUCH as the public lands of the United States
2 have heretofore been one of the means of sustaining
3 the treasury of the said States, and are clearly and
4 constitutionally one of the legitimate sources of revenue,
5 and ought not to be diverted from their proper chan-
6 nel, inasmuch as such diversion is calculated to be dis-
7 astrous to our national prosperity, and in its tendency
8 destructive to the amicable relations which ought to
9 be preserved between the States and the General
10 Government; yet in view of circumstances without
11 the control of this State, by which a portion of the
12 proceeds of the sales of the public lands have been
13 accredited to the State of Maine contrary to her wish-
14 es and in opposition to opinions frequently expressed
15 by her Legislature, and, as is by many believed, in
16 violation of the spirit of the Constitution of the United
17 States; therefore, without in any way admitting, but
18 protesting against the principle,

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of this State be and
2 hereby is authorized to receive from the government
3 of the United States any and all sums of money which

4 may be now due to this State from the United States
5 under the Act of the United States distributing the
6 proceeds of the sales of the public lands among the
7 several States, and to make and execute in behalf of
8 this State proper discharges for the same.

STATE OF MAINE.

THE minority of the Committee on Finance depart from the report of the majority of that committee, on the order referred to them in relation to the reception by this State of its proportion of the proceeds of the sales of the public lands, so far as relates to the preamble, and submit the accompanying resolve.

THO'S CHADWICK,
N. L. INGERSOLL.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE authorizing the treasurer to receive from the government of the United States any sum or sums of money which may be now due or become due to this State from the United States.

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of this State be and
2 he hereby is authorized to receive from the govern-
3 ment of the United States any sum or sums of money
4 which may be now due, or may become due to this
5 State from the United States, and to make and exe-
6 cute in behalf of this State proper receipts or dis-
7 charges for the same.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 16, 1844. }

ORDERED, That 500 copies of the following Reports and Resolves, be printed for the use of the Legislature.

WM. T. JOHNSON, *Clerk.*