

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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THE LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

DURING ITS SESSIONS

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No. 51.]

[SENATE.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVES in relation to the commercial interests of
the State of Maine.

Whereas, the people of Maine are largely engaged
2 in commercial pursuits, especially in the carrying
3 trade between this and other countries, and in ship-
4 building, and the various kinds of business connected
5 with and dependent on the same, therefore,

Resolved, That while we claim for this class of our
2 citizens no exclusive or special privileges, justice to
3 them demands that they should not be obstructed in
4 the full and free enjoyment of all the natural channels
5 of trade.

Resolved, That further appropriations by Congress
2 for the support of any of the lines of steamships now
3 established, or that may be hereafter established,
4 under the pretext of compensation for the transporta-
5 tion of the mails, would be injurious to our citizens,
6 would have a direct tendency to foster and build up
7 one class of commercial interests to the prejudice of
8 all others, to discourage private enterprise and com-
9 petition, and to create a monopoly dangerous and
10 anti-republican in its tendency.

Resolved, That our Senators and Representatives
2 in Congress, be requested to oppose any further
3 appropriations by Congress for the above objects.

Resolved, That the Governor be requested to trans-
2 mit a copy of these resolutions to each of our Sena-
3 tors and Representatives in Congress.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, April 21, 1852.

ORDERED, That 350 copies of the foregoing Resolves, (laid on the table by Mr. Titcomb of York,) be printed for the use of the Legislature.

ALBERT H. SMALL, *Secretary.*