

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.]

[No. 34.

STATE REFORM SCHOOL, ETC.

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THE JOINT SPECIAL COMMITTEE, to whom was assigned the duty of reporting "a statement of facts relative to the State Reform School, and the propriety of uniting with the same the proposed Stock and Experimental Farm," and also the subject of fitting up "a room in the capitol as a depository of seeds and agricultural implements," have had these subjects under consideration, and beg leave to submit the following

### REPORT:

That agreeably to a resolve of the Legislature, approved Aug. 20, 1850, a board of commissioners, consisting of Messrs. Anderson, Dana, and Carter, was appointed by the then executive department, who were empowered "to select and obtain by gift or purchase" a suitable site for a State Reform School, "to contract for buildings necessary and proper therefor, and to prepare and mature a system for the government of said school, and to ascertain what laws would be necessary and proper to put the same into successful operation;" and, that said commissioners, in the discharge of said trust, selected a site for the location of said school in the town of Cape Elizabeth, in the vicinity of the city of Portland, containing one hundred and sixty acres of land more or less, which site embraces as great a variety of soil as is usually found upon a territory of

that extent, and is believed to be well adapted to the rearing of stock and the general purposes of agriculture, as well as to the specific purposes of a Reform School ; and was the gift of the city of Portland to the State, upon the condition that a school of the character contemplated should be maintained in perpetuity, as will fully appear by reference to the deed conveying the same from said city of Portland to the State, which deed has been duly recorded in the registry of deeds for the county of Cumberland, and the original deposited in the archives of the State. And that in the further discharge of said trust, said commissioners entered into a contract with Messrs. Wheeler and Blaisdell for the erection and completion of a Reform School building, and additional contracts with them or other parties for leveling and grading the grounds in the vicinity of the building, and for plumbing and other important additional expenses, not included in the original contract, amounting in the gross to the sum of *sixty-eight thousand dollars*. And said commissioners have provided for a further expenditure of *five thousand dollars*, for the repair of the buildings upon the farm at the time of its conveyance to the State, for the fencing of the same, and for stock and farming utensils necessary for the establishment ; making in the gross the sum of *seventy-three thousand dollars*. Of this sum, your committee find that there has already been appropriated and paid out by the State, *fifty-five thousand dollars*, to wit : by the resolve approved Aug. 20, 1850, \$10,000 ; by the resolve of Jan. 3, 1851, \$20,000 ; and by the resolve of April 22, 1852, \$25,000, leaving the sum of \$18,000 still unprovided for by an appropriation. And upon due consideration of all the facts in the case, and of the importance of the objects under consideration, your committee recommend the passage of the resolve appropriating the sum of \$18,000 for the purposes indicated by the commissioners, believing that the interest as well as the plighted faith, the honor and dignity of the State, require the same.

And your committee further report, that they have had under consideration the report of the board of agriculture, their plan for a Stock and Experimental Farm, and the proposed act appropriating \$10,000 for establishing and stocking the same ; and are of the

opinion that all the benefits to be derived from such an appropriation, may be gained by appropriating *one fifth* of that amount, or the sum of *two thousand dollars*, to be expended in the purchase of improved stock for the Reform School farm, the proceeds of said stock to be distributed in the manner indicated by the board of agriculture. And your committee would accordingly recommend the appropriation of \$2,000 for this purpose.

Deeming the selection and distribution of agricultural seeds and implements, a matter of great importance to the interests of agriculture, and learning from the report of the commissioner of patents that several thousand dollars have been appropriated by Congress for such collection and distribution, and that many improved seeds are now awaiting orders in that department, which might be more equally distributed among the several states were there some appropriate place in each as a depository, and believing that such a depository would be of essential service to our citizens in other respects, your committee would likewise recommend the passage of the resolve appropriating the sum of \$415 as recommended by the committee reporting the same.

Per order of the committee,

ALONZO GARCELON.

## COMMUNICATION OF THE GOVERNOR.

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### *To the House of Representatives :*

IN compliance with the request contained in your order of the seventh instant, I herewith transmit copies of the accounts for services rendered by the commissioners appointed to superintend the erection of the State Reform School buildings, under the resolve of August twenty, eighteen hundred and fifty, as audited and allowed by the Governor and Council, May fourteenth, eighteen hundred and fifty-one. Copies of the same accounts were furnished to the House of Representatives at their last annual session, in answer to their order, and were printed in House Document number thirty-four. No account for services rendered since that time has been presented.

The deed of conveyance from the city of Portland to the State, referred to in your order, is not in my possession ; and I am unable to state its contents. From the report of the commissioners, made to my predecessor, Governor Hubbard, on the fourteenth day of May, eighteen hundred and fifty-one, I learn that such a deed was executed and delivered to the commissioners, and by them transmitted to the governor with their report. The Secretary of State has examined the files in his department but it is not there to be found. I learn also, unofficially, that it has not been recorded in the registry of deeds for the county of Cumberland.

In reply to that portion of your order which calls for copies of the accounts of the commissioners appointed to superintend the repairing and refitting the Insane Hospital, I have to say that no account for services rendered by them has been presented to the Governor and Council.

WM. G. CROSBY.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,     }  
     March 10, 1853.     }

ACCOUNTS for services rendered by the Commissioners appointed to superintend the erection of the State Reform School buildings.

## STATE OF MAINE to H. J. ANDERSON,

Dr.

|           |                                                                                                                                                  |  |          |
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| 1850.     |                                                                                                                                                  |  |          |
| Sept. 11, | For expenses paid to, from and at Portland, . . . .                                                                                              |  | \$9 75   |
|           | “ 4 days’ time, . . . .                                                                                                                          |  | 20 00    |
| “ 19,     | “ expenses paid to, from and at Portland, . . . .                                                                                                |  | 9 50     |
|           | “ 4 days’ time, . . . .                                                                                                                          |  | 20 00    |
| Oct. 16,  | “ expenses paid to and at Portland, to, from and at Boston<br>and back, . . . .                                                                  |  | 25 75    |
|           | “ paid expense at Westboro’, and carriage hire, . . . .                                                                                          |  | 4 00     |
|           | “ paid for horse and carriage at Boston, . . . .                                                                                                 |  | 5 00     |
|           | “ 13 days’ time, . . . .                                                                                                                         |  | 65 00    |
| November, | “ paid expense to Portland, at Portland, to, from and at<br>Boston, to from and at Portland, to and at Augusta,<br>and home, . . . .             |  | 28 95    |
|           | “ paid expense at Westboro’ and back, . . . .                                                                                                    |  | 1 90     |
|           | “ “ “ for Bryant, Dana and self, at same, . . . .                                                                                                |  | 3 75     |
|           | “ 18 days’ time, . . . .                                                                                                                         |  | 90 00    |
| Dec. 28,  | “ paid expense to, from and at Augusta, and horse hire,<br>“ 4 days’ time, . . . .                                                               |  | 8 50     |
|           |                                                                                                                                                  |  | 20 00    |
| 1851.     |                                                                                                                                                  |  |          |
| February, | “ paid expense to Portland, to Boston, expense at Boston,<br>to Portland, at Portland, and home, arranging and<br>perfecting plans, &c., . . . . |  | 39 50    |
|           | “ 16 days’ time, . . . .                                                                                                                         |  | 80 00    |
| March 23, | “ paid expense to, at and from Portland, . . . .                                                                                                 |  | 13 50    |
|           | “ 6 days’ time, . . . .                                                                                                                          |  | 30 00    |
| March 29, | “ paid expense to, at and from Portland, . . . .                                                                                                 |  | 18 50    |
|           | “ 9 days’ time, . . . .                                                                                                                          |  | 45 00    |
| April,    | “ paid expense to Portland, to Augusta, and back to Port-<br>land, . . . .                                                                       |  | 7 50     |
| “ 24,     | “ 4 days’ time to this date, . . . .                                                                                                             |  | 20 00    |
|           |                                                                                                                                                  |  | \$566 10 |

## STATE OF MAINE to JOHN W. DANA,

Dr.

*For services and expenses as Commissioner for Reform School, as follows :*

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| 1850.     |                                                                                          |          |
| Sept. 11, | Expenses of journey to Portland, . . . . .                                               | \$10 75  |
|           | 4 days' time, at \$5, . . . . .                                                          | 20 00    |
| Sept. 19, | Expenses of journey to Portland, Boston and Westboro',<br>Massachusetts, . . . . .       | 31 89    |
|           | 13 days' time, at \$5, . . . . .                                                         | 65 00    |
| November, | Expenses of journey to Portland, Boston, Westboro' and<br>Augusta, . . . . .             | 53 61    |
|           | 28 days' time, at \$5, . . . . .                                                         | 140 00   |
| December, | Expenses of journey to Boston and Augusta, . . . . .                                     | 40 90    |
|           | 13 days' time, at \$5, . . . . .                                                         | 65 00    |
| 1851.     |                                                                                          |          |
| February, | Expenses of journey to Boston and Portland, . . . . .                                    | 42 85    |
|           | 16 days' time, at \$5, . . . . .                                                         | 80 00    |
| March,    | Expenses of journey to Portland, exclusive of bill at Port-<br>land, . . . . .           | 4 50     |
|           | 16 days' time, at \$5, . . . . .                                                         | 80 00    |
| April,    | Expenses of journey to Portland and Augusta, exclusive of<br>bill at Portland, . . . . . | 12 25    |
|           | 18 days' time, at \$5, . . . . .                                                         | 90 00    |
|           |                                                                                          | \$736 75 |



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STATE OF MAINE to H. CARTER,

Dr.

*For services as Commissioner.*

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| 1850.                                       |                                                                           |  |          |
| Sept. 11,                                   | 4 days, . . . . .                                                         |  | \$20 00  |
|                                             | Expenses, . . . . .                                                       |  | 4 00     |
| “ 19,                                       | 4 days, . . . . .                                                         |  | 20 00    |
|                                             | Expenses, . . . . .                                                       |  | 4 00     |
| Oct. 16,                                    | To expenses to Boston, Westboro', &c., and at Portland, .                 |  | 22 00    |
|                                             | 13 days, . . . . .                                                        |  | 65 00    |
| November,                                   | Expenses to Boston, &c., and at Portland, to and at<br>Augusta, . . . . . |  | 24 00    |
|                                             | 12 days, . . . . .                                                        |  | 60 00    |
| Dec. 28,                                    | Expenses to, from and at Augusta, . . . . .                               |  | 7 50     |
|                                             | 4 days, . . . . .                                                         |  | 20 00    |
| 1851.                                       |                                                                           |  |          |
| January,                                    | 2 days in examining and settling bills, . . . . .                         |  | 10 00    |
|                                             | Expenses, . . . . .                                                       |  | 2 00     |
| February,                                   | 5 days, . . . . .                                                         |  | 25 00    |
|                                             | Expenses, . . . . .                                                       |  | 5 00     |
| From Mar. }<br>23, to Apr. }<br>23, 1851. } | 15 days, . . . . .                                                        |  | 75 00    |
|                                             | Expenses, . . . . .                                                       |  | 15 00    |
|                                             |                                                                           |  | \$378 50 |

STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
March 23, 1853. }

ORDERED, That 350 copies of the foregoing Report of the Joint Special Committee on Reform School, etc., together with the Communication of the Governor, and accompanying documents, be printed for the use of the Legislature.

A. B. FARWELL, *Clerk.*