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STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE, January 11, 1856.

THE Joint Select Committee, to whom was referred the Report of the Commissioner of the Treasury of Maine, and the accompanying communication, have attended to the duty assigned them, and

### REPORT :

That they have carefully examined the accounts contained in the books of the department, and find them to correspond with the report of the Commissioner, and have compared his vouchers and certificates with the accounts and find them correct and perfectly satisfactory.

The committee are of opinion that too much credit cannot well be given to the Commissioner and his assistant, for the very systematic and accurate manner in which the books and papers, pertaining to the office have been kept; and it is with feelings of pride and pleasure that they unanimously bear testimony to the very satisfactory manner they find *all* the business of the department to have been conducted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FRANCIS G. BUTLER, *Chairman.*

IN SENATE, January 11, 1856.

Read and recommitted.

WM. G. CLARK, *Secretary.*

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Jan. 11, 1856.

Recommitted in concurrence.

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk.*

THE Joint Select Committee on Treasurer's Report, to whom was recommitted their report of the 11th instant, have had the subject recommitted to them under consideration, and ask leave to

#### REPORT FURTHER

in relation thereto.

The committee find that the moneys of the State have, during the past year, been deposited in banks located in different sections of the State, and in the Suffolk Bank, Boston, and so far as is known, in institutions of good standing—the business of the treasury, in this respect, being conducted with reference to its convenience and that of the people. An intelligent opinion of the extent of its connection with the banks may be obtained from the fact, that it appears, that of the balance of \$39,130.37 cash in the treasury, January 1st, 1856, \$30,075.72 of the same was standing to the credit of the Commissioner in twenty-one banks in this State, in sums ranging from \$37.66 to \$8,328.36.

The Commissioner of the Treasury, on inquiry by the committee, frankly stated that he has received during his administration of the office, in one or two instances, without solicitation on his part, interest on moneys belonging to the State deposited in banks, without crediting the same to the State; and we are of the opinion, that in this respect, he followed a prac-

tice which we understand has prevailed for some years past, under which the interest arising from deposits belonging to the State has been considered a perquisite belonging to the Treasurer.

Reference is made to this practice for the purpose of bringing it to the attention of the Legislature, for such action in the future touching that department of the State government, as it may deem necessary—one design in recommitting this report obviously having been to obtain some information in relation to this subject.

FRANCIS G. BUTLER, *Chairman.*

January 12th, 1856.

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE, Jan. 12, 1856.

ORDERED, That 700 copies of both Reports be printed for  
the use of the Legislature.

WM. G. CLARK, *Secretary.*