

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SENATE.]

[No. 21.

STATE OF MAINE.

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### RESOLVES relative to Bounty on Cod Fisheries.

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*Whereas*, a bill has been proposed in congress to  
2 repeal the act allowing bounties to vessels employed  
3 in the cod fisheries, the passage of which will greatly  
4 injure, if not destroy, one of the most important inter-  
5 ests of this state, and one which affords employment  
6 to thousands of our hardy citizens ; and

7 *Whereas*, the passage of such a bill will have the  
8 effect to render almost, if not entirely useless, a large  
9 class of vessels which, from their peculiar build and  
10 model, cannot be successfully employed in other busi-  
11 ness, and which have been built, under what was  
12 supposed to be a well-founded reliance upon the con-  
13 tinuance of a policy, which places us more nearly  
14 upon a level with those of other nations engaged in

15 the same business, whose governments bestow a more  
16 liberal bounty thereon than our own ; and

17 *Whereas*, our past history abundantly proves that the  
18 *cod fisheries* afford the *cheapest, best, and most efficient*  
19 school for manning our navy in time of war, there-  
20 fore,

*Resolved*, That the repeal of the law granting boun-  
2 ties to vessels employed in the fishing business, will  
3 be unjust and oppressive to those induced by the ex-  
4 istence of the law to embark a large amount of capi-  
5 tal therein ; and at the same time will, in a national  
6 point of view, be impolitic and unwise, inasmuch as  
7 we shall thereby be deprived, in case of war, of the  
8 most reliable source for a supply of *American* seamen.

*Resolved*, That our senators and representatives in  
2 congress, be requested to exert their influence to pre-  
3 vent the repeal of the law allowing bounties to vessels  
4 engaged in said business.

*Resolved*, That the governor be requested to trans-  
2 mit to our senators and representatives in congress a  
3 copy of these resolutions to be laid before congress.

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE, Feb. 24, 1858.

ORDERED, That 350 copies of the foregoing resolves be printed
for the use of the Legislature.

ATTEST:

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*