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SENATE.

No. 9.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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RESOLVES for the manufacture and purchase of fire arms for the use of the state.

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*Resolved,* That the governor be and hereby is authorized to advertise for proposals for the manufacture, within this state, of ten thousand rifle muskets, with bayonets; eighteen 10 pounder cannon, and six 12 pounder howitzers, with carriages for said cannon and howitzers, and every thing to make them complete and ready for field service. The muskets shall be of the style and pattern and of the same kind of iron and materials, and in all other respects equal to the best Springfield rifles now made; and the cannon shall be of the model and style known as the Parrot gun, and shall as to quality and kind of material, and in all other respects, be equal to that. All said muskets,

14 cannon, howitzers, carriages, and every thing pertain-  
15 ing thereto, shall be subjected to similar inspection  
16 and tests that are applied to such arms and ordnance,  
17 according to the requirements in the “Ordnance Man-  
18 ual for the use of the officers of the United States  
19 army,” third edition, eighteen hundred and sixty-two.

*Resolved,* That for the purpose of the inspection and  
2 tests aforesaid, the governor and council shall appoint  
3 three inspectors of skill and experience in said busi-  
4 ness, one of whom shall be from the ordnance depart-  
5 ment of the United States army, if the services of such  
6 a one can be procured ; and no musket, cannon, how-  
7 itzer, gun carriage, or any part thereof shall be ac-  
8 cepted by the state unless approved by said inspectors.

*Resolved,* That the governor and council be further  
2 authorized to make and execute a contract with the  
3 lowest responsible bidder or bidders, for the manufac-  
4 ture of the muskets, cannon, howitzers and carriages  
5 as aforesaid, with this proviso, that the price to be  
6 paid for the muskets shall not exceed twenty dollars  
7 for each musket with bayonet.

*Resolved,* That in case of any foreign invasion, or  
2 from any other pressing emergency requiring the use  
3 of arms sooner than they can be completed in this  
4 state, under the contracts aforesaid, the governor and

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5 council are authorized to purchase them elsewhere ;  
6 but such purchase shall in no way effect or change the  
7 contracts already made for the manufacture of arms in  
8 this state.

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Amendment proposed by Mr. HACKER of Aroostook,  
2 to strike out the word "twenty" in the sixth line of  
3 third resolve, and insert "sixteen."

## STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE, Feb. 8, 1862.

The "Resolves for the manufacture and purchase of fire arms for the use of the State," being under consideration, on motion of Mr. PETERS of Penobscot, the resolves were laid on the table, and ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

JAMES M. LINCOLN, *Secretary.*