RESOLVE relating to foreign immigration.

WHEREAS, the strength and prosperity of a state depend immediately upon its population, and whereas the present national conflict has diverted large numbers of the industrious and valuable men of Maine from the peaceful pursuits of private life to the public service, thereby materially diminishing activity in the important departments of mechanical and agricultural employments, the restoration of which would be of incalculable profit to the state, and whereas this can in no other way be so surely and advantageously secured as by foreign immigration, therefore

Resolved, That this state will pay to the "Foreign Emigrant Association of Maine," for each able-bodied foreign immigrant between the ages of fifteen and fifty
4 years whom they shall within the next five years introduce into this state and cause to remain for the period of one year after such introduction without becoming chargeable to any town of this state as a pauper, the sum of twenty-five dollars, to be paid by the governor upon said association furnishing to the governor and council satisfactory evidence that the foregoing conditions have been complied with.
STATE OF MAINE.

HORACE STILSON, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. LYNCH of Portland, and on his motion laid on the table and 350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.