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## REPORT

OF

### COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AFFAIRS.

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The Committee on Military Affairs, which was instructed by an order of the Legislature to inquire into the expediency of repealing the Resolve approved February 23d, 1866, relating to the distribution of the Adjutant General's Report for 1864-5, have had the same under consideration and ask leave to report :

The Reports of the Adjutant General for the years 1864-5, ordered to be printed by former Legislatures, comprise 3,000 copies of the Report complete in two volumes, and 3,000 additional copies of the *first* volume only ; making 6,000 copies in all. The Resolve of February 23, 1866, provides for the distribution of the whole 6,000 copies, for the most part, to the members of past Legislatures. But none of these Reports, excepting about 500 copies of the 2d volume have been distributed under this resolve, and the question submitted to your Committee is, whether the resolve should be repealed and a new distribution provided for.

These Reports—the history of Maine in the war—were prepared and printed at the expense of the State. They are, therefore, public property. Neither the members of former Legislatures nor those of the present one have any special property in them or any special claims to them. These Reports belong to the people of the State, and, in the opinion of your Committee, the proper agents for their distribution are the people's representatives, while acting in that capacity and under their official responsibility. The

Legislature of 1866 repealed the Resolve of 1865, relating to the distribution of these same Reports, and hence it would seem to be proper as well as expedient that the present Legislature should, in turn, repeal the Resolve of 1866 and provide, anew, for the distribution of these important documents among the people. Your Committee, therefore, ask leave to submit, herewith, a Resolve.

The Resolve requires a word of explanation as to the number of copies reserved in the hands of the Adjutant General.

Of the 6,000 copies of the Report, the Resolve provides for the distribution of all but about 400 copies. These 400 copies are reserved in the hands of the Adjutant General for distribution. In the opinion of the Committee a less number of copies would not be adequate to supply the reasonable demand upon the Adjutant General for his Report; and your Committee believe that 400 copies could hardly be placed in better hands for distribution. The Adjutant General naturally feels a just pride in his Report. It is the work of years, and a monument of his industry as well as of the patriotism of the State. No one could feel greater interest than he in having the Reports reach the hands of those who are most deserving and those who have special claims to them—the soldiers, and the children and parents of deceased soldiers—those citizens who have contributed most to make such a History for our State.

Per order.

H. M. PLAISTED.

## STATE OF MAINE.

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RESOLVE relating to the distribution of the adjutant general's report for eighteen hundred and sixty-four and sixty-five.

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*Resolved,* That the adjutant general's report for eighteen hundred and sixty-four and sixty-five shall be distributed in the manner following, viz : The librarian shall deliver one hundred copies to the governor, for distribution ; two copies each to the heads of departments in the state ; one copy to each clerk employed in the state house ; one copy to each member of the board of agriculture for eighteen hundred and sixty-seven ; two copies to each incorporated literary institution in the state having a library ; two copies to each incorporated literary society connected with the colleges in the state ; one copy to each newspaper office in the state ; one copy each to the office of register of deeds, to the office of clerk of courts, to the probate office and to the law library in each county in the state ; one copy to each town, city and incorporated

17 plantation in the state ; five copies to the war depart-  
18 ment at Washington ; three copies to the second audi-  
19 tor's office ; three copies to the pension office, and three  
20 copies to the congressional library ; one copy to each  
21 state in the Union ; ten copies to ex-governor Cony ;  
22 two copies to each member of the governor's council and  
23 to each member of the legislature for the years eighteen  
24 hundred and sixty-five and eighteen hundred and sixty-  
25 six, and to the officers of the same ; four copies to each  
26 member of the council and to each member of the legisla-  
27 ture for the year eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, and  
28 to the officers of the same ; fifty copies shall be reserved  
29 in the state library for the use of the state, and fifty  
30 copies for public exchanges ; the remaining copies shall  
31 be deposited with the adjutant general for distribution.  
32 Of the three thousand copies of the first volume of  
33 said report ordered by the legislature, February six-  
34 teen, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, there shall be  
35 distributed two copies to each member of the council  
36 and to each member of the legislature for the years  
37 eighteen hundred and sixty-five and eighteen hundred  
38 and sixty-six, and to the officers of the same ; and  
39 ten (10) copies to each member of the council and  
40 each member of the legislature for the year eighteen  
41 hundred and sixty-seven, and to the officers of the

42 same. The remaining copies of said report shall be  
43 reserved in the hands of the adjutant general for dis-  
44 tribution.

*Resolved,* That the reports aforesaid are delivered to  
2 the members of the legislature for distribution among  
3 their constituents, and that it is the sense of the legis-  
4 lature that in the distribution of the same, meritorious  
5 officers and soldiers of Maine who served in the war of  
6 the rebellion, should be preferred.

*Resolved,* That chapter seventy-three of the resolves  
2 of eighteen hundred and sixty-six, relating to the dis-  
3 tribution of the adjutant general's report for eighteen  
4 hundred and sixty-four and sixty-five, so far as incon-  
5 sistent with the foregoing resolves, is hereby repealed.





STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
January 30, 1867. }

Reported by Mr. PLAISTED, from the Committee on Military  
Affairs, and ordered to be printed, together with the resolve.

FRANKLIN M. DREW, *Clerk.*