

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE.

No. 59.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE providing for an investigation of the management and condition of the insane asylum.

WHEREAS, sundry rumors have been circulated and
2 grave charges have been made in reference to the
3 management of the insane asylum, both as regards the
4 treatment and condition of the patients therein, and
5 the conduct of its financial affairs ; and

6 WHEREAS, the interests both of the state and the
7 institution imperatively demand that such charges
8 shall be investigated and their truth or falsehood fully
9 and clearly established ; therefore

10 *Resolved*, That a commission, consisting of three
11 competent and disinterested men, who shall be citizens
12 of this state, be appointed by the legislature, whose
13 duty it shall be to forthwith inquire into and thor-

14 oughly investigate the condition, management and
15 affairs of said insane asylum, including all official acts
16 of its officers and subordinates, the treatment and con-
17 dition of the patients therein, the disposition of the
18 appropriations hitherto made by the state in favor of
19 said institution, and the disbursement of all moneys
20 and funds received from public or private sources ;
21 and for the furtherance of the object of this resolve,
22 said commissioners are hereby authorized to send for
23 persons and papers, to summon such witnesses and
24 take such proof as may be necessary, to have free
25 access to the institution at any and all times, and to
26 all of its books, and to examine any patients therein,
27 when in their judgment it is advisable, and make re-
28 port in writing of their doings to the governor and
29 council at as early a day as is practicable, which re-
30 port shall be printed for the public use, and three
31 copies thereof shall be forwarded to each member of
32 the present legislature by the secretary of state. Said
33 commission shall be nominated to the speaker of this
34 house in manner, as follows : by a committee of one
35 from each county ; said committee to be selected by
36 the delegations in the senate and the house from the
37 several counties, and by them reported to the speaker.
38 The said commissioners shall be allowed such reasona-
39 ble compensation for their services as the governor and

40 council shall determine, which compensation as well as
41 the other necessary expenses of said commission shall
42 be paid from the treasury of the state.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,)
February 11, 1867. }

Laid on the table by Mr. FRYE of Lewiston, read twice and passed to be engrossed, rules being suspended, and on motion of same gentleman ordered to be printed.

FRANKLIN M. DREW, *Clerk.*