FORTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE.

SENATE. No. 61.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVES relating to the insane hospital.

Resolved, That the governor and council be and are

- 2 hereby directed to take into consideration the condition
- 3 of that portion of the patients of the insane hospital
- 4 that may appear to belong to an idiotic and demented
- 5 class, who are entirely incurable, particularly those
- 6 that are harmless, with a view to separate such class
- 7 of persons from the hospital, in order that the accom-
- 8 modations of the hospital may meet the present and
- 9 future demands of insane persons, by the withdrawal
- 10 of the first class from the hospital to their proper home
- 11 or asylum.

Resolved, That the governor and council are further

- 2 directed, first, to ascertain the exact number of the
- 3 idiotic and demented persons now in the hospital, and
- 4 to report their condition, and to further examine any

5 locality where it may be deemed advisable to build a 6 suitable asylum, to ascertain the cost of lands and the 7 construction of suitable buildings for the accommodation of the above class; and further, if practicable, to 9 ascertain if there are not suitable buildings already 10 erected, that can be secured at a reasonable cost, for

11 the above objects, and report to the next legislature.

Resolved, That the governor and council are hereby 2 authorized and required to reorganize as soon as prac-3 ticable the board of trustees of the insane hospital, 4 and to reduce that body to a number not to exceed 5 five, instead of the present number.

STATE OF MAINE.

In Senate, February 28, 1868.

Laid on the table by Mr. FULTON, and on his motion ordered to be printed.

THOMAS P. CLEAVES, Secretary.