

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# FORTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE.

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SENATE.

No. 4.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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RESOLVES relating to the claims of Maine against the United States for interest on advances made by Massachusetts in the war of eighteen hundred and twelve—fifteen.

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*Resolved,* That the justice of the claim of Massachusetts and Maine to the payment of interest upon their advances to the United States during the war of eighteen hundred twelve and fifteen, with Great Britain, cannot be questioned, after the payment of interest to every other state which made such advances during that struggle ; and now that peace and prosperity are restored to the country, Maine confidently expects that this claim will be recognized and provided for.

*Resolved,* That the appropriation by Massachusetts and Maine of the proceeds of this claim to the con-

3 struction of a work of the first national importance—  
4 the connection of the railroad system of the United  
5 States with that of the adjoining maritime provinces  
6 of Great Britain, and upon the payment of which  
7 depends its completion, cannot fail to be appreciated  
8 by their sister states; and especially the patriotism  
9 and public spirit of Massachusetts in setting apart  
10 her means to a work far removed from her borders,  
11 deserves grateful acknowledgment from the country.

*Resolved*, That the extension of American railroads to  
2 the eastern and northern frontiers of Maine, although  
3 important to the defense of this state are still more  
4 important to the United States, by the command which  
5 they will give over the military lines of communication  
6 between Halifax and the valley of the St. Lawrence.

*Resolved*, That when the money and lands of the  
2 republic have been profusely appropriated for the con-  
3 struction of railroads west of the Alleghanies, while  
4 nothing has been so appropriated east of them, it is  
5 with regret and concern that this state has witnessed  
6 the delays in responding to her claims, not for a  
7 gratuity but for the payment of a debt of undeniable  
8 justice, devoted by her to a work of national impor-  
9 tance, and the liquidation of which is asked for only  
10 upon the same principles which have governed in the  
11 settlements of the United States with all the states, for

12 military advances during the Revolutionary war, the  
13 war of eighteen hundred and twelve—fifteen, and the  
14 war with Mexico.

*Resolved,* That the governor be requested to commu-  
2 nicate a copy of these resolves to our senators and  
3 representatives in congress.

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE, January 14, 1870.

Presented by Mr. CUSHING of Waldo, and on his motion laid  
on the table and ordered to be printed.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary.*