

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTIETH LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

No. 60.

To the Honorable Senate of Maine :

Your Committee, to which was referred the testimony and papers accompanying the report of the commission of the paper credit investigation, for the purpose of recommending what portion of the same should be printed, have examined the said testimony and papers therewith connected, as carefully as their time would allow, and find that there are several depositions of town officers, and other persons who testified in behalf of the several towns, which are of no essential importance to the report of said commission, or, as furnishing information of public interest. It is also found, that in many instances several depositions cover the same ground, and hence add nothing to the completion of the history of the matters relative to which such depositions pertain. We therefore conclude that the depositions, or affidavits, of the following named persons, together with the papers thereto annexed, should not be printed, viz :

Seth Lee, J. R. Marston, George W. Whitney, James Carney, Josiah Merrow, Benjamin Hunter, Jacob B. Ham, Corydon Felker, John Richards, John Montgomery, James Mulligan, Prentiss M. Putnam, James Fowler, Jr., H. C. White, I. G. Kimball, Horatio Hight, G. A. Frost, Benjamin Turner, Levi Andrews, George L. Riggs, T. J. Southard, Jesse Davis, George S. Comins, Elisha S. Case, and the first deposition of William Atkinson.

We find among the papers, which were submitted by the commission, three schedules or tables marked "A," "C" and "D," a large portion of which consists of information common to all. Therefore we have consolidated the information contained in the *three* in table *A*, thus retaining all the information in a much more compact form. We recommend that table "A," as now made up, be printed, and that tables "C" and "D" be *not* printed.

We find that table "B" is mainly a verification of the assignments shown in table "A," and recommend that it be not printed.

We recommend that all the testimony and papers thereto annexed, and all the schedules and other papers accompanying the report of the commission, be printed except as above specified.

Mr. A. C. Walker, who was the clerk of the commission, has called our attention to a letter from the War Department, accompanied by certified copies of telegrams and letters on file in that department, which letter and copies are in answer to the letter of the commission of January 6th, 1871, to the Governor, and by him forwarded to the War Department. A copy of this letter is with the papers referred to us, but the answer as above described had not reached the commission at the time of making their report. We think this letter and accompanying copies are *essential*, and accordingly recommend that they also be printed.

We further recommend that this, our report, be printed with the said papers as showing *all* the papers that are omitted in the printing, and *why* they are so omitted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

DAVID DUDLEY,
S. T. HINKS,
SAMUEL E. SMITH.

IN SENATE, February 8, 1871.

Read and accepted, and recommendations adopted.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary*.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 17, 1871.

Ordered, That the report of the Special Committee to which was referred the papers accompanying the report of the Commissioners upon Paper Credits be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Read and passed.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary*.

A true copy—Attest :

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary*.