

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 541

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE, in favor of a monument for the late Commodore
Samuel Tucker at Bremen, Maine.

Resolved, That the sum of one thousand dollars be and
2 hereby is appropriated to be expended during the year one
3 thousand nine hundred and nine, for the purpose of erecting
4 a monument in the Bremen Town Cemetery at Bremen,
5 Maine, to perpetuate the memory of the late Commodore
6 Samuel Tucker, who commanded the armed schooners
7 Franklyn and Hancock and the Frigate Boston in the war
8 of the Revolution by commissions from George Washing-
9 ton. This appropriation shall be expended under the di-
10 rection of a commission to consist of the governor and two
11 other members, said two commissioners to be appointed by
12 the governor. The monument shall be cared for and kept

13 in repair without expense to the State. Said commission
14 shall complete their work and make report to the governor
15 and council on or before December thirty-one, one thou-
16 sand nine hundred and ten.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

Commodore Samuel Tucker was born in Marblehead, Mass., Nov. 1, 1747, and when a mere boy began the life of a seaman. He was in London when news of the battle of Bunker Hill was received there, and for a time was in great danger of arrest because of some patriotic although incautious words, but escaped by stratagem and found passage homeward on a vessel bound to Philadelphia. When it was determined to put out some armed vessels to prey upon the enemy, one of the first commissions issued was to Samuel Tucker. It appointed him captain of the armed schooner Franklyn. Later he was transferred to the armed schooner Hancock and at a still later period to the frigate Boston. In the several commands he was very successful, making a large number of prizes. While in command of the frigate he conveyed John Adams to France, to which the latter had been appointed minister, taking several prizes on the voyage. He also performed valuable services in the war of 1812. He came to Bremen, then a part of Bristol, in the year 1793, and died there March 10, 1833, and his body lies with others of his kindred in the Bremen Cemetery.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, March 11, 1909.

Reported by Mr. BISBEE from Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and ordered printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*