

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# RESOLVES

OF THE

## LEGISLATURE

OF THE

# STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED AT ITS SESSION,

WHICH COMMENCED ON THE THIRTY-FIRST DAY OF MAY,  
AND ENDED ON THE TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY OF JUNE,  
ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND TWENTY.

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Published agreeably to a Resolution of June 23, 1820.

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*PORTLAND:*

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1820.

## CHAPTER XII.

Resolve making valid certain Marriages solemnized by Henry Kendall.

*June 15th, 1820.*

WHEREAS since the fifth day of June A. D. 1805, sundry marriages have been solemnized in places within what is now the State of Maine, by Henry Kendall, minister of the Baptist Society in Topsham, and doubts are entertained whether such marriages, thus solemnized are valid in law. And whereas it has been represented that the said marriages were solemnized under a mistaken belief that said Kendall was legally authorized to perform such solemnizations: *Therefore resolved*, That all marriages solemnized in any place within what is now this State by the said Henry Kendall in his office of minister of the gospel, since the said 5th day of June, A. D. 1805, be and they are hereby made as valid in law to all intents and purposes, as though the said Kendall was lawfully authorized thereto, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

*Resolved*, That the issue of all and each of the said marriages solemnized as aforesaid, be and they hereby are made capable in law of inheriting and enjoying all other rights and privileges in the same way and manner as though each and every of such marriages were originally solemnized according to law.

## CHAPTER XIII.

Resolve authorizing the Treasurer to borrow \$15,000. *June 19th, 1820.*

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer be authorized to borrow on the faith of the State, fifteen thousand dollars, or any part thereof, before the next session of the present Legislature, provided it shall be found by him, that the exigency of the State shall require such loan.

## CHAPTER XIV.

Resolve making valid the doings of the town of Pownal. *June 20th, 1820.*

ON the petition of the inhabitants of the town of Pownal, setting forth that certain errors and defects existed in the manner of notifying town meetings and choosing town officers in said town, in the years 1819 and 1820, and also in the omission of the town clerk, to record the warrant for the town meeting for the choice of town officers in the year 1810.

*Resolved*, That the doings of said town of Pownal at their several

meetings above mentioned be, and they are hereby confirmed and made valid in law, any of the errors and defects aforesaid notwithstanding.

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### CHAPTER XV.

Resolve authorizing the Governor to procure this State's proportion of the Arms and military Stores of Massachusetts. *June 20th, 1820.*

*Resolved,* That the Governor be requested and he is hereby authorized, with the advice of the Council, to procure this State's proportion of all the arms which have been received by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts from the United States under the law of Congress, entitled "An Act making provision for arming and equipping the whole body of the militia of the United States," passed the twenty third day of April one thousand eight hundred and eight, and also, this State's proportion of all other kinds of arms, ordinance, ammunition, tents, camp equipage and intrenching tools, together with all other articles included in the military department. And to deposit the same in some safe and convenient place within this State and under the care of the Adjutant General.

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### CHAPTER XVI.

Resolve authorizing the Governor to appoint a person to negotiate with the Penobscot Indians. *June 20th, 1820.*

WHEREAS the "Act relating to the separation of the District of Maine from Massachusetts proper, and forming the same into a separate and independent State," provides that this State shall as soon as the necessary arrangement can be made for that purpose, assume and perform all the duties and obligations of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts towards the Indians in the said District of Maine, whether the same arise from treaties or otherwise and for this purpose shall obtain the assent of the said Indians and their release to the said Commonwealth of claims and stipulations arising under the treaty existing between the said Commonwealth and said Indians: Therefore,

*Resolved,* That the Governor with the advice of Council be and he hereby is authorized and empowered to appoint and commission one or more suitable persons to treat with the Penobscot Tribe of Indians in this State at Bangor, on the fourteenth day of September next, and at such other times and places as shall be mutually agreed upon, for the purpose of obtaining from said Indians their release to the said Commonwealth of the claims and stipulations