

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.

Published agreeably to a Resolution of June 23, 1820.

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1820.

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

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.

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

aforesaid ; and also for the purpose of effecting a new treaty or agreement with said Indians, by virtue of which, this State may assume all the duties and obligations of said Commonwealth of Massachusetts towards said Indians, or of making and executing such other treaty or agreement, as shall be mutually satisfactory to the contracting parties, and shall be deemed most conducive to their mutual interests. And the said Commissioners shall have power and authority to receive from said Indians to the use of this State all such deeds of conveyance and release of lands, contracts and covenants, and to execute to them in behalf of this State any deeds, contracts and covenants that may be necessary for the full execution of the powers and duties of their appointment.

And be it further resolved, That the Governor with the advice of the Council, be and he hereby is authorized and empowered to appoint during pleasure, some suitable person, residing in the vicinity of said Indians as Agent to provide, furnish, pay and deliver to said Indians for and on account of this State, such articles, goods, provisions and money as shall from time to time become due them, by virtue of the treaty or agreement now existing between them and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or which may hereafter be made and executed between them and this State. And the said Agent for his services aforesaid, shall be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of this State such reasonable compensation as shall from time to time be fixed and established by the Governor and Council.

And be it further resolved, That there be paid out of the Treasury of this State to said commissioner or commissioners to enable them to perform the duties hereby assigned them, the sum of three hundred dollars, they to be accountable to this State for the same within one year.

CHAPTER XVII.

Message relative to costs in criminal prosecution.

To the Senate and House of Representatives,

The Secretary will lay before you the account of Henry Smith, Treasurer of the county of York, for cost in criminal prosecutions, April term, 1820. Similar accounts have been examined and allowed by the Executive of Massachusetts in conformity with the laws of March 8th, 1792, and February 20th, 1818. There can be no doubt of the propriety of the allowance of these accounts, and making provision for their payment up to this time agreeably to the present laws, although there may be as to the propriety of continuing the

WILLIAM KING.

Council Chamber, June 7th, 1820.