

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.

PORTLAND:

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1820.

June 22d, 1820.

Resolved, That the Governor with advice of Council, be, and hereby is authorized to draw warrants on the Treasurer of this State, in favor of the several county Treasurers, for the balance that may be found due them for costs in criminal prosecutions, which may have accrued in their respective counties since the fifteenth day of March last, and prior to the passing of this resolve, not exceeding in all the sum of five hundred dollars to be paid out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

CHAPTER XVIII.

Resolve making valid the doings of the town of Montville. June 22d, 1820.

ON the petition of the Selectmen of the town of Montville, in the county of Lincoln, representing that the town clerk of said town hath neglected personally to record the proceedings of a meeting of said town held on the first Monday of April, 1820: Therefore,

Resolved, For reasons set forth in said petition that the records and proceedings of said town be, and the same are hereby confirmed and made valid in law to all intents and purposes notwithstanding the omission mentioned in said petition: *Provided however*, That this resolve shall not be construed to extend to the records and returns of said Selectmen and town clerk of the votes for Senators, of the county of Lincoln, or for Representative of said town of Montville.

CHAPTER XIX.

Resolve providing for the choice of Electors of President and Vice-President.
June 22d, 1820.

Resolved, That on the first Monday of November next, there shall be chosen at large out of the whole State, two Electors of President and Vice-President of the United States, and one in each District within this State as is or may be limited for the choice of Representatives to the Congress of the United States. And it shall be the duty of the Selectmen of the several towns, and the Assessors of the several plantations in this State, in the manner the law directs for calling town meetings, to cause the inhabitants of their respective towns and plantations, duly qualified to vote for Representatives and Senators to the Legislature of this State, to assemble on Monday the sixth day of November next, to give in their written votes, to the Selectmen or Assessors, whose duty it shall be to preside in such

meeting, for one Elector assigned to such District respectively, and for two Electors, to be chosen at large in the State as aforesaid, not being Senators or Representatives, or persons holding any office of trust or profit under said United States. And the said Selectmen or Assessors, or the major part of them, shall in open town meeting sort and count the votes, and form a list of the persons voted for, with the number of votes for each person, against his name; and shall make a public declaration thereof in said meeting, and shall, in presence of said inhabitants, seal up copies of said list, and transmit the same to the office of the Secretary of the State, on or before the twentieth day of November next, at which time it shall be the duty of the Governor and Council to be in session, who shall examine said returns and determine and declare who is elected from each District, by a majority of the votes in said Districts respectively, and in case an Elector shall not be chosen in any District by a majority of votes or in case the two Electors, to be chosen at large, or either of them, shall not have a majority of votes, it shall be the duty of the Governor and Council to ascertain from the returns of votes, the person who shall have the highest number of votes, in such District, and the person or persons who shall have the highest number of votes in the State at large, and to declare such person in any such District, and the person or persons at large, having such plurality of votes, to be duly elected.

Be it further Resolved, That the Secretary of this State is hereby directed forthwith to transmit to each person so chosen Elector, a Certificate of his having been so chosen. And that said Electors be and hereby are directed to meet on the first Tuesday of December next, at the Senate Chamber in Portland. And in case of the death or absence of any of the Electors, the deficiencies shall immediately be supplied from the people by a majority of votes of the Electors present. And said Electors shall vote by ballot on the first Wednesday of December next, for one person for President, and for one person for Vice-President of the United States. And for their travel and attendance they shall receive the same compensation as members of the Legislature, to be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of this State.

Be it further Resolved, That if the Selectmen of any town, or the Assessors of any plantation in the State, shall neglect to transmit the list of votes of such town or plantation in manner aforesaid to the Secretary of the State, on or before the twentieth day of November next, each of said Selectmen or Assessors so neglecting, shall forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding two hundred dollars, nor less than fifty dollars.