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 28, 1820.

PORTLAND:

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CHAPTER XXVII.

Resolve directing the Assessors to return the polls of Shakers and Quakers, and the property of Ministers of the Gospel. June 28th, 1820.

Resolved, That the Assessors of towns and plantations in this State, be required to return to this Legislature, on or before the third Wednesday of their next session, the number of polls of Quakers and Shakers over the age of eighteen and under the age of forty five; and of the Ministers of the Gospel of all denominations, with their property, which if owned by other citizens, would be taxed by the laws of this State, distinguishing the real from the personal property, together with the numbers of paupers, and the expense of supporting them in each town for the years 1819 and 1820, separately distinguishing the expense of State from town paupers.

CHAPTER XXVIII.

Resolve making an allowance for Clerk hire to the Secretary of State, Adjutant-General and Treasurer. June 28th, 1820.

Resolved, That there be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of the State to the Secretary of State, and to the Adjutant General each, the sum of five hundred dollars; and to the Treasurer of the State, the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars for the present year, commencing on the day they were respectively qualified for the discharge of the duties of said offices; and to be paid at the end of each quarter of a year, as a compensation for the hire of Clerks in their respective departments.

CHAPTER XXIX.

Resolve declaring the sense of the Legislature of the powers of the general Government over the Militia. June 28th, 1820.

Resolved, That by the Constitution of the United States, Congress have the power to provide for calling out the Militia, to execute the laws of the union, suppress insurrections, and repel invasions.

Resolved, That the right to determine, when the exigences aforesaid, or any of them exist, is by the Constitution and laws of the United States, vested in the President, for the due exercise of which right he is responsible to the people or their Representatives in Congress assembled.

Resolved, That whenever the President of the United States shall or may decide, that any of the exigences aforesaid do exist and shall

require the Militia of this State, or any part thereof, to be called forth for the purpose of executing the laws of the union, suppressing insurrection or repelling invasion, it is and shall be the duty of the Governor of this State, forthwith to call for said Militia, agreeably to such constitutional requisition of the President of the United States, and the same when called forth, to place under the command of the President, or such proper officer or officers, as may by the President, be designated to take the command thereof.

Resolved, That the foregoing preamble and resolutions be transmitted by the Governor of this State, to the Governor of Massachusetts in order that the same may be laid before the Legislature of said Commonwealth, that such measures may be adopted as shall best facilitate a satisfactory adjustment of the matter in

controversy.

Resolved, That the Senators in Congress from this State be instructed to bring the subject of the claims of Massachusetts and Maine, before the national Councils, and to adopt such measures in relation thereto as are best calculated to bring those claims to a speedy and equitable decision; and that our Representatives in Congress be also requested to aid in the same object.

Resolved, That the Governor be and he is hereby authorized to direct the Secretary of State to forward to each of the Senators and Representatives from this State, in the Congress of the United States,

attested copies of the foregoing resolutions.

CHAPTER XXX.

Resolve relating to holding a Court of Probate in the Counties of Oxford and Penobscot. June 28th, 1820.

Resolved, That a Court of Probate, in and for the county of Oxford, shall be holden at the Probate Office in Paris, once in every two months and other places in said county, as the judge may think proper, and the Judge of Probate of said county is hereby required to appoint stated times, for holding said Courts, and give notice thereof accordingly.

And be it further Resolved, That the Probate Courts heretofore holden in, and for the county of Penobscot on Mondays, shall hereafter be holden at the same place on Tuesdays next after the Mondays aforesaid; and that the Judge of Probate for said county of Penobscot, is hereby directed to give notice thereof accordingly.