

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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RESOLVES

OF THE

LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED AT ITS SESSION,

WHICH COMMENCED ON THE TENTH DAY OF JANUARY, AND
ENDED ON THE TWENTY-SECOND DAY OF MARCH, ONE
THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND TWENTY-ONE.

Published agreeably to a Resolution of June 23, 1820.

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1821.

CHAPTER III.

Resolve granting a sum of money to the Chiefs of the Penobscot Indians, to defray certain expenses. *January 19, 1821.*

Resolved, That there be paid out of the Treasury of this State, the sum of one hundred and twenty five dollars, to John Neptune, Captain Peal Moley, Captain Luey, Captain Peal Tomer, Captain Joseph and Captain Solomon, Indians of the Penobscot Tribe, to defray the expenses of said Indians, now on a visit to the seat of government; and, that the Agent for said Indians retain said sum from the monies arising from the sales of the timber of said Indians, and account to the State for the same. And the Governor, with advice of Council, is hereby authorized and requested to draw his warrant on the Treasury accordingly.

CHAPTER IV.

Resolve directing the manner of engrossing the Acts and Resolves, and for preserving the same. *January 27, 1821.*

Resolved, That during the present session of the Legislature, all Bills passed to be engrossed, and all Resolves passed in both Houses, shall be engrossed or written in a round legible hand on sheets of fine linen paper, leaving margins of sufficient width to render it convenient to bind the same into books or volumes; and the Secretary of State, after the rising of the Legislature, shall cause the Statutes and Resolves to be bound into two separate books, each having a list of the titles of the Acts, and of the Resolves, with references to the pages where each act or resolve begins. And the Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to procure a quantity of said paper sufficient for the purposes aforesaid.

CHAPTER V.

Message of the Governor.

*To the Senate and
House of Representatives :*

The Secretary will lay before you a communication from his Excellency the Governor of Massachusetts, proposing a compromise in relation to the lands, the property of that Commonwealth in this State, by which the interest of Massachusetts may be transferred upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon by the Legislatures of the two States :—

The resolves accompanying this communication will also be laid before you, together with the report, explaining the views of the committee that reported the resolutions to the legislature. This report, so creditable to the committee, is also in accordance with the principles and views entertained by the committee that reported the separation Act, and which, I trust, we can say with confidence, is in accordance also with those sentiments that animate the whole people of our State. From such men, associated with such measures, we can safely calculate on the remaining important concerns between the two states being closed in a manner mutually interesting.

Permit me to hope, that this proposition will be received in the spirit in which I am sure it is intended ; and that it may receive your early and particular attention.

WILLIAM KING.

January 29, 1821.

Resolve appointing a Committee to negotiate on the part of this State, for the purchase of the lands therein, belonging to Massachusetts. *January 29, 1821.*

THE Committee of both Houses to whom was referred the message of the Governor, communicating a letter from the Governor of Massachusetts, accompanied by sundry resolves of the Legislature of that Commonwealth, proposing a compromise in relation to the lands, the property of that Commonwealth, in this State,—*Report* : That as Massachusetts now has a valuable interest in the lands within the territory of Maine ; and as this State has property to a considerable amount in the possession of that Commonwealth ; and as the only mode, by which an equitable division can be made, must be attended with much delay and great expense : it is obvious that an exchange may be effected, which shall be mutually beneficial.

The Committee most cordially reciprocate the wishes, expressed by a Committee of the Legislature of Massachusetts, that the harmony and good will, which have hitherto existed, in so eminent a degree, between this and our parent State, may continue undiminished ; and they also believe that there is great reason to apprehend, that the mutual claims of Independent Sovereignties may produce collision and contention, if not brought to a speedy termination ; especially when we consider how peculiarly desirable it is, that this State should have the exclusive ownership and control of all its territory. The Committee are, therefore, of opinion, that the enlightened views of the Legislature of Massachusetts, ought to be met with corresponding liberality on the part of this State ; and, that no time should be lost in entering upon the proposed negotiations ; for which purpose the Resolves accompanying this report, are recommended for adoption ; all which is submitted.

JOSEPH E. FOXCROFT, *per order.*

Resolved, That James Bridge, Benjamin J. Porter and Lothrop Lewis, together with one member to be appointed by the Senate, and one member to be appointed by the House of Representatives, be a

Committee on the part of this State, to meet a Committee to be appointed by the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, which Committee on the part of this State, shall have full power and authority to negotiate, settle, adjust and determine with the Committee of the said Commonwealth of Massachusetts, having similar and competent powers, for that purpose, and on that behalf, all the stipulations, terms and conditions of a contract, by which the right, title and interest of the said Commonwealth, in the lands in this State, which have become the property of said Commonwealth, by the provisions of the Act, entitled "An Act relative to the separation of the District of Maine from Massachusetts proper, and forming the same into a separate and independent State," may be transferred to this State; which contract, when made as aforesaid, shall by the said Committee be submitted, as soon as may be, to the Legislatures of this State and of Massachusetts, respectively, for their approbation and ratification.

Resolved, That said Committee on the part of this State, whenever such contract shall have been made and ratified as aforesaid, be, and they hereby are authorized and empowered to execute all covenants, conveyances, promises, releases or other instruments, and to do and perform every other act and thing, which shall be necessary to carry into full and complete effect, the stipulations, terms and conditions, which may be specified and contained in such contract; and to receive deeds executed by the authority of said Commonwealth, which shall convey to this State, the right, title and interest of said Commonwealth in and to the lands aforesaid.

In the House of Representatives, January 29th, 1821, read and passed; and Nicholas Emery, Esq. was elected on the part of the House of Representatives, a member of said Committee.

In Senate, January 29, 1821. Read and passed, and the Hon. Daniel Rose, Esq. was elected on the part of the Senate, a member of said Committee.

CHAPTER VI.

Resolve authorizing Elijah Fairbanks, Administrator of Joseph Rice, deceased, to convey certain land. *February 5, 1821.*

On the petition of Samuel Floyd and Anna Floyd, his wife:

Resolved, That, for the reasons set forth in said Petition, Elijah Fairbanks, Administrator of the goods and estate of Joseph Rice, deceased, be, and is hereby authorized, in his said capacity, to convey by deed the following described tract of land lying in Winthrop, in the county of Kennebec, being a part of lot numbered seven, and bounded as follows: viz. Beginning at a stake and stones on the easterly side of the road leading through said lot, numbered seven,