

# 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.

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Published agreeably to a Resolution of June 23, 1820.

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PORTLAND :

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1821.

*Be it further Resolved,* That the Treasurer of this State, be, and he hereby is authorized and empowered to make and execute fifteen promissory notes, signed by him in his said capacity, payable to the Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in his said capacity, or bearer, each note for the sum of ten thousand dollars, to bear date on the day of the final ratification of the agreement aforesaid by the respective States, and to be made payable at the times, and in the manner, and to bear interest, as is in said agreement stipulated, and according to the true intent and meaning thereof: *Provided,* The said agreement shall be ratified and confirmed by the said Commonwealth of Massachusetts, on or before the fourteenth day of May next.

*Be it further Resolved,* That after the ratification of said agreement, by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as aforesaid, the Governor, by and with the advice of the Council, be, and he hereby is authorized and empowered to nominate and appoint some suitable person, as agent for and on behalf of this State, to carry into effect the provisions of said agreement, and to do and perform all things which are required to be done and performed by this State, according to the true intent and meaning of said agreement.

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## CHAPTER LII.

Resolve granting compensation to James Bridge and others, a Committee to investigate the doings of certain Banks. *March 19, 1821.*

*Resolved,* That there be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of this State, to James Bridge, Esquire, the sum of ninety one dollars and twenty five cents; to Albert Newhall, Esquire, the sum of one hundred and thirty-seven dollars and sixty-two cents; and to William Swan, Esquire, one hundred and thirty-seven dollars, and sixty-two cents, in full compensation, for their services and expenses as a committee for investigating the situation and doings of sundry Banks, pursuant to a Resolve of June 15th, 1820. And the Governor, with advice of Council, is hereby authorized and requested to draw his warrant on the Treasurer for the several sums aforesaid.

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## CHAPTER LIII.

Resolve making valid the doings of the town of Strong. *March 19, 1821.*

ON the petition of Nathan Armsby and John Newell, Selectmen of the town of Strong, setting forth, that certain errors and defects have existed in the records of the Selectmen's warrants, for calling town meetings, the representations of the seal in some instances being

omitted, and it not appearing by said records, that the town officers were duly sworn according to law :

*Resolved*, For reasons set forth in the petition, That the records and proceedings of said town of Strong at their several meetings above mentioned, be, and the same are hereby confirmed, and made valid in law, any of the aforesaid defects or omissions notwithstanding.

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## CHAPTER LIV.

Resolve for making valid certain Marriages and for other purposes. *March*  
19, 1821.

WHEREAS John Haines and others have represented to this Legislature, that sundry marriages have been solemnized within this State by ministers of the gospel, who were not stated and ordained ministers of the gospel, within the meaning of the laws heretofore in force, and who are believed to have been under a mistaken apprehension of the law, and to have supposed they were legally authorized to solemnize such marriages, and have prayed that the same may be rendered valid : Therefore

*Resolved*, That all marriages which have been solemnized within this State by ministers of the gospel, who were not stated and ordained ministers of the gospel, between parties competent by law to contract marriage, and whose intentions of marriage were legally published, shall be deemed and taken, and are hereby declared to be good and valid in law, to all intents and purposes ; and the children of parties thus joined in marriage, shall, and are hereby declared to be entitled to all the privileges and immunities, to which children of parents, who have been joined in marriage by stated and ordained ministers of the gospel, or justices of the peace, are or may by law be entitled : *Provided however*, That this resolve shall not be deemed to extend to those, who, having been joined in marriage by any minister of the gospel, not legally authorized, have since separated, and one of the parties has been legally joined in marriage with another person, but the children of the first marriage shall be considered, to all intents and purposes, legitimate.

*Be it further Resolved*, That every minister of the gospel as above described, who has joined any persons in marriage within this state, shall be and is hereby exempted from all prosecutions, presentments, or indictments for, or on account of his having solemnized such marriages, and from all fines and penalties, to which he was, or is liable in consequence thereof : *Provided however*, That to avail himself of such exemption, he shall within six months from the passing of this resolve, make a return to the clerk of the town or plantation in which he lives, certifying the names of all the persons, whom he has joined in marriage, excepting such as he may have already returned to such clerk.