

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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RESOLVES

OF THE

LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED AT ITS SESSION,

WHICH COMMENCED ON THE SECOND DAY OF JANUARY, AND
ENDED ON THE NINTH DAY OF FEBRUARY, ONE
THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND TWENTY-TWO.

PUBLISHED AGREEABLY TO THE RESOLVE OF JUNE 23, 1820.

PORTLAND :

FRAYER, TAPPAN & STICKNEY, PRINTERS TO THE STATE.

1822.

CHAPTER XX.

Resolve on the Petition of Thomas Clark:

Resolved, That there be paid out of the Treasury of this State to Thomas Clark, the sum of twenty-five dollars; the same having been paid by him as a duty required of him, as a Clerk of the Courts in the County of Oxford, previous to his removal from that office; and the Governor, with advice of Council, is requested to draw his warrant on the Treasurer for the same.

[*This Resolve passed February 2, 1822.*]

CHAPTER XXI.

Resolve relative to the punishment of Convicts:

Resolved, That there shall be a committee of three persons, to be appointed by the Governor, with the advice of the Council, whose duty it shall be to collect information and investigate the subject of the punishment of convicts, and the establishment of a State Prison or Penitentiary; and the committee appointed shall make a report to the next Legislature, on the second Monday of January next; and in their investigations and report, shall have regard to the instructions herein contained, and such other instructions as may be given to them by the Governor and Council. The committee in collecting information, investigating and reporting upon the subject, will consider the effects which have in practice, resulted from different modes and degrees of punishment, and from the different systems, government, discipline and diet of different State Prisons or Penitentiaries; the labor in which convicts may be best employed, separately, having reference to the effects upon convicts themselves as well as to profit and expense of such employment; a plan of a State Prison or Penitentiary, having reference to enlargement of the same, and the government and discipline thereof; and the confinement of each convict in a separate cell, when not at labor. The