MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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RESOLVES

OF THE

LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINES

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 28, 1820.

PORTLAND:

THAYER, TAPPAN & STICKNEY, PRINTERS TO THE STATE. 1822.

I have this day received from the Executive of Massachusetts a copy of An Act recently passed by the General Court of that Commonwealth, "to provide for carrying into effect certain stipulations in the Act for erecting the District of Maine into a separate State," which, as it seems to contemplate a corresponding Act on our part, will be laid before you by the Secretary.

ALBION K. PARRIS.

Council Chamber, February 1, 1822.

CHAPTER XXXVIII.

Resolve respecting the Penobscot Indians.

Resolved, That, for the purpose of carrying into effect the Treaty made with the Penobscot tribe of Indians, on the seventeenth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty, to which treaty this State has become a party under the fifth Article of the first Section of the act of Separation, there be, and hereby is granted the sum of twelve hundred dollars to be paid out of the Treasury of this State, to purchase sundry articles of provision and clothing, which are to be furnished for the use of said tribe of Indians, in the month of October annu-And the Governor, with the advice of Council, is hereby requested to carry into full and complete effect all the terms and conditions of said Treaty on the part of this State to be performed; and for that purpose to draw his warrants on the Treasury for all or any part of said sum of twelve hundred dollars.

[This Resolve passed February 8, 1822.]

CHAPTER XXXIX.

Resolve directing the Secretary of State to cause certain accounts to be printed.

Resolved, That the Secretary of State cause to be printed, at the time when the Resolves passed at the present

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Session shall be printed, the Pauper and Miscellaneous or other accounts as allowed at the last Session of the Legislature, with the Resolve or Resolves authorizing the payment of the same.

[This Resolve passed February 8, 1822.]

MESSAGE OF THE GOVERNOR.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:—

On examining the Treasurer's account as published by order of the Legislature, I find it does not shew the expenditures of the Convention that framed the Constitution.

The accounts were laid before the last Legislature, with a request that they might be examined and settled, and a direction given, as to the disposition of the balance stated

to be remaining in the Treasurer's hands.

I have never been able to find that that Legislature took any order thereon. I shall therefore direct that a copy of the accounts exhibited to the last Legislature, together with the letter which accompanied it, be laid before you, and also a particular account of the sums borrowed by order of the Convention, and of every item of expenditure authorized by that body from its commencement until its dissolution.

I have to call the attention of the Legislature to the construction of Article 5th, Part fourth, Section 4th of the Constitution of this State, by which it is provided that "no money shall be drawn from the Treasury but by warrant from the Governor and Council and in consequence of appropriations made by law." On a comparison, it will be found that this clause, so far as it respects appropriations is a transcript of the Constitution of the United States, under which, it is known, that the officers of the Treasury do not feel authorized to make any payment unless in consequence of a specific appropriation. This is one of the instances in which our Constitution is varied from that of the parent State. This alteration having, undoubtedly, been intended as an additional security of the Treasury, it be-