

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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RESOLVES

OF THE

FOURTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED AT THE SESSION

WHICH COMMENCED ON THE SEVENTH DAY OF JANUARY, AND ENDED ON THE
TWENTY-FIFTH DAY OF FEBRUARY, ONE THOUSAND EIGHT
HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FOUR.

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CHAPTER XLVII.

Resolve on the petition of Alfred Gates and others, for a road to be opened through townships number one and two, belonging to this State.

Resolved, for reasons set forth in said petition, That the Governor, with the advice of the Council, be, and he hereby is authorized to take such measures as he may think proper, to ascertain the expediency of opening a road from Passadunkkeag river, through townships number one and two, on the east side of Penobscot river, belonging to this State, as early in the approaching summer as may be practicable; and if he shall obtain satisfactory evidence that it is expedient to open a road through said townships, he is hereby authorized to take measures to cause such road to be opened, and to draw his warrant on the Treasurer for a sum not exceeding three hundred and sixty dollars to carry into effect the purposes aforesaid.

[*This Resolve passed February 21, 1824.*]

CHAPTER XLVIII.

Resolve on the Petition of the Selectmen of New-Castle.

On the petition of the Selectmen of the town of New-Castle, in the county of Lincoln, stating that it appears by the records of the Supreme Judicial Court, in that county, that at the term of said Court holden in September, A. D. 1805, a fine of one hundred dollars was imposed upon said town for not repairing a certain highway therein: and it now appearing to the satisfaction of the Legislature, that said fine was imposed in consequence of a misunderstanding between the agent of said town and the prosecutor in behalf of the government, the said highway having been repaired before the imposition of said fine: *Resolved*, That said fine of one hundred dollars, be, and the same hereby is remitted, upon the payment, by said town, of the costs taxed therewith.

[*This Resolve passed February 21, 1824.*]

CHAPTER XLIX.

Resolve making valid certain proceedings of the town of Thomaston.

On the petition of the Selectmen of Thomaston, in the county of Lincoln, stating that Charles Spofford, the Clerk of said town, chosen for the political year 1819, died in October of that year, without having recorded the administration of oaths of office to

the several town officers chosen for the same year, or the proceedings and votes of the inhabitants of said town at their several meetings in that year during the life time of said clerk; and that soon after the decease of said clerk, chosen as aforesaid, a town clerk *pro tempore* was chosen at a legal town meeting, held for that purpose, who acted as such, until the next annual election of town officers, and who found among the records in said Spofford's office, the minutes taken, in said Spofford's hand writing, of all the proceedings and votes of said town at said several meetings, but not signed by him; which minutes have been carefully preserved in the town clerk's office: *Resolved*, for reasons set forth in said petition, That the town clerk of said town for the time being, be, and he hereby is authorized to complete the records of the doings and votes thereof at their several town meetings during the period aforesaid, from the minutes of proceedings before mentioned, and the same, when so made, shall be valid in law to all intents and purposes; and the doings and proceedings of said town, during the political year aforesaid, at their several town meetings and the records thereof, are hereby confirmed and made valid in law.

[*This Resolve passed February 21, 1824.*]

CHAPTER L.

Resolve providing for the apportionment of County Taxes in certain cases.

Whereas it may happen that by casualty or other unforeseen circumstance, there may not be a quorum of the Justices of the Court of Sessions in the several counties in this State, at their first Session next after the rising of the Legislature: *Therefore, Resolved*, That, in case there shall not be a quorum of the Court of Sessions at their respective terms in the several counties in this State next after the rising of the Legislature, any one or more of the Justices of said Court, be, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to apportion and assess the county tax, for their respective counties, on the several towns, plantations and other places, according to the proportion at which they are rated in the tax act for the current year.

[*This Resolve passed February 21, 1824.*]