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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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CIVIL GOVERNMENT  
OF THE  
**STATE OF MAINE,**  
FOR THE POLITICAL YEAR, 1824.

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*Georgetown,*  
*Hope and Appleton plantation,*  
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*Litchfield,*  
*Lewiston,*  
*Lisbon,*  
*Montville and Montville plan-*  
*tation,*  
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*Nobleborough,*  
*St. George and Cushing,*  
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<i>Lincolnvillle and Searsmont,</i>	Ansel Lothrop.
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<i>Penobscot, Orland and Town-</i>	
<i>ship No. 8,</i>	Isaac Perry.
<i>Prospect,</i>	Zenas Beal.
<i>Sedgwick and Bluehill,</i>	John Means.
<i>Sullivan, Gouldsboro', planta-</i>	
<i>tions No. 7, 8, 9, 14 &amp; 15,</i>	Jabez Simpson.
<i>Swanville, Knox, Belmont and</i>	
<i>Waldo,</i>	John M'Lure.
<i>Thorndike, Brooks, Jackson</i>	
<i>and Monroe,</i>	Joseph Nealey.
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<i>gle Island, Great Spruce</i>	
<i>Head Beach Island, Hogg</i>	
<i>Island, Placencia Island,</i>	
<i>Black Island, Mark Island,</i>	
<i>Burnt Coat Island, Long</i>	
<i>Island and Pond Island,</i>	John Glover.

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<i>Cherryfield, Steuben and Har-</i>	
<i>rington,</i>	Joseph Adams.
<i>Eastport,</i>	John Burgin.
<i>Jonesboro', Columbia, Addison,</i>	
<i>Plantations No. 19 and 23,</i>	Ichabod Bucknam
<i>Lubec and Plantation No. 11,</i>	Jabez Mowry.
<i>Machias,</i>	Obadiah Hill.
<i>Plantation No. 6, Calais, Rob-</i>	
<i>binstown, Perry, Houlton Plan-</i>	
<i>tation, New Limerick, Planta-</i>	
<i>tions No. 3 and 7,</i>	Peter Goulding.
<i>Plantation No. 9, Denneysville,</i>	
<i>Cooper, Plantations No. 10,</i>	
<i>12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18 and 20,</i>	Ebenezer C. Wilder.

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<i>Augusta,</i>	Reuel Williams.
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<i>Chesterville, Fayette and Vienna,</i>	David Morrill.
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<i>Farmington,</i>	James Butterfield.
<i>Gardiner,</i>	Joshua Lord.
<i>Greene,</i>	Alfred Pierce.
<i>Hallowell,</i>	William H. Page.
<i>Leeds,</i>	Thomas Francis.
<i>Ligonia and Freedom,</i>	Josiah Crosby.
<i>Monmouth,</i>	Benjamin White, Jr.
<i>Mount Vernon and New Sharon,</i>	Elijah Morse.
<i>Readfield,</i>	Solomon Lombard.
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<i>Unity, Joy and 25 Mile Pond</i>	
<i>Plantation,</i>	Hezekiah Chase.
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<i>Windsor and Pittston,</i>	Joseph Merrill.

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<i>Brownfield, Hiram and Porter,</i>	Joseph Howard.
<i>Canton and Jay,</i>	Moses Stone.
<i>Dixfield, Mexico, Weld &amp; Peru,</i>	Adam Knight.
<i>Denmark and Fryeburg,</i>	Cyrus Ingalls.
<i>Greenwood and Norway,</i>	Frederick Coburn.
<i>Hartford and Sumner,</i>	Daniel Hutchinson.
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<i>Livernmore,</i>	Thomas Chase, Jr.
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<i>and Howard's Gore,</i>	John Farrington.

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<i>Canaan, Warsaw and No. 5, 2d</i>	
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*Orrington, Brewer & Eddington,* William Marsh.  
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The Clergy of Portland officiate in } *Chaplains.*  
 rotation, according to seniority, as }

MOSES DAVIS, *Messenger.*

SAMUEL DAVIS, *Page.*

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**MESSAGE**  
OF THE  
**GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MAINE,**  
TO  
**BOTH BRANCHES OF THE LEGISLATURE.**

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GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,  
AND OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

THE circumstances under which we assemble call for grateful acknowledgments to our Supreme Benefactor. Enjoying, as we do, all the blessings of a free Government, where the sovereign power remains with the people and is exercised only by agents of their choice, we can hardly realize the condition of other nations, under Governments less free, in which the rights of the people are either abridged or altogether disregarded.

To excite love of country, and an attachment to the institutions under which, as a people, we have prospered, and, as individuals, are protected; to allay that spirit of restlessness, whenever it exists, which is sometimes felt under the most favorable circumstances in life, we may profitably compare our situation with that of other communities. And, when making the comparison, may we always bear in mind that a continuance of our common and public blessings depends, under Providence, upon the intelligence and the virtue of the people.

In accepting the situations, which we now occupy, as members of that branch of the Government empowered to enact laws for the common welfare, we assume responsibilities that can be discharged only by a faithful and industrious attention to the public interests, by a due regard to the situation of our fellow-citizens and by exerting all our official influence on the side of morality and good order. In thus performing our respective duties, we may expect for ourselves the confidence of our constituents, and, for our State, the blessings of a kind and superintending Providence.