

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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RESOLVES

OF THE

FIFTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED AT THE SESSION

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

PUBLISHED AGREEABLY TO THE RESOLVE OF THE 20TH OF JUNE, 1820.

Portland :

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1825.

I lay before the Legislature a copy of the proceedings, to the end that the office of Major-General of said new Division may be filled agreeably to the provisions of the Constitution.

ALBION K. PARRIS.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, }
JANUARY 10, 1825. }

MESSAGE OF THE GOVERNOR.

To the Senate and House of Representatives :

I lay before the Legislature a communication received from the Directors of the American Asylum for the education of the Deaf and Dumb, established at Hartford, in the State of Connecticut. The Directors suggest a wish that some plan may be digested and adopted, whereby the Deaf and Dumb of the neighbouring States may be educated at that Institution, on such principles that each may have a due share in the enjoyment of the funds granted by Congress for the instruction of this unfortunate class of the community. They further intimate a willingness that each State, making application, should have the same benefit from the national grant, as though the Asylum were located within its own territory. Accompanying this communication, are several copies of the last annual report of the Directors, from which information may be derived of the character and present state of that Institution.

ALBION K. PARRIS.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, }
JANUARY 8, 1825. }

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, January 11, 1825.

The Committee, to whom was referred the Governor's Message respecting the Deaf and Dumb, having considered the same, examined the accompanying document, and availed themselves of such further evidence as has been furnished to them, ask leave to report in part :

That great advantages are manifest in the instruction of a considerable number of pupils at the same school ; that the proposals made in behalf of the Asylum at Hartford, to educate there the Deaf and Dumb of the neighbouring States, appear just and liberal ; and to your Committee it seems worth the consideration

of the Legislature, to ascertain whether the advantages tendered, if placed on secure footing, will not be more effectual than any provision which can be made at an equal, or even greater expense, within the State.

Two Commissioners have been appointed from each of the States of Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Vermont, to meet and confer on the subject, in behalf of their several States; and for the purpose of obtaining and laying before the Legislature the proper and requisite information, your Committee are of opinion, that the appointment of a like number, on their part, one by the Senate and one by the House of Representatives, would at this time be expedient; for which purpose a resolve is herewith respectfully submitted. By order,

JOSIAH STEBBINS.

CHAPTER II.

Resolve providing for the appointment of Commissioners to confer with the Directors of the American Asylum, and Commissioners of other States, respecting the education of the Deaf and Dumb.

Resolved, That two Commissioners be appointed by the Governor, with advice of Council, to confer with the Directors of the American Asylum, at Hartford, and also with such Commissioners appointed by other States as may meet for the purpose, on the subject of making provision for the education of the Deaf and Dumb at the Asylum; and to ascertain what accommodations, instructions and employments are provided at that Institution; at what ages pupils may be admitted; and whether equal terms and privileges may be there allowed and secured for the indigent Deaf and Dumb of this State; to report at the present session of the Legislature.

[*This Resolve passed January 13, 1825.*]

CHAPTER III.

Resolve for purchasing Greenleaf's Reports.

Resolved, That the Secretary of State, be, and he is hereby authorized to purchase three hundred and twenty-five copies of the second volume of Greenleaf's Reports of the decisions of the