

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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RESOLVES

OF THE

SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED AT THE SESSION

WHICH COMMENCED ON THE THIRD DAY OF JANUARY, AND ENDED
ON THE TWENTY-SIXTH DAY OF FEBRUARY, ONE THOUSAND
EIGHT HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVEN.

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ces to fit them for useful operation, and cause at least ten families to be settled and resident in said town, upon separate and distinct lots, and within seven years from the time of such selection, shall cause at least thirty families to be settled and resident in said town, and within ten years from the time of such selection, shall cause at least fifty families to be settled and resident in said town, and shall have erected and then standing in said town at least three convenient and comfortable school houses, so situated as to accommodate the persons resident in said town, and shall pay into the Treasury of this State, three thousand five hundred dollars, in four equal annual payments from the time of making said selection, with interest thereon annually. And upon the performance of all said conditions of settlement, and payment of said sum and interest, the Land Agent may convey said township; or if said Wellington and Whitney shall wish a conveyance of said land sooner, the Land Agent is authorized, upon receiving ample and satisfactory security for said sum of three thousand five hundred dollars and interest, payable as aforesaid, to convey said township, (subject to the reservation for public use,) to said Wellington and Whitney, subject to the performance of all the aforesaid conditions of settlement within the periods specified, and to the lien of the State upon the land for the payment of said three thousand five hundred dollars and interest as aforesaid.

[*Approved by the Governor, February 23, 1827.*]

CHAPTER XXXVII.

Resolve providing compensation for certain officers of the Legislature.

Resolved, That there be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of the State, to the Clerk employed by the Legislature for drafting Bills and Resolves, a sum not exceeding three dollars and fifty cents for each day thus employed, his account being first examined and allowed by the Governor and Council; to the Assistant Secretary of the Senate, and the Assistant Clerk of the House of Representatives, one dollar each, for every day they shall have been employed, in addition to the compensation now fixed by law; to be included in the respective pay-rolls of the Senate and House of Representatives; to the Messenger of the Governor and Council, for each day he shall be employed as such, two dollars; to the Messenger of the Senate, for himself and such assistants as he may have employed, four dollars and fifty cents per

day ; to the Door keeper of the House of Representatives, for himself, page, and any others in his employ, in the service of the House, four dollars and fifty cents per day ; to the Chaplain of the Senate, thirty dollars, and to the several Chaplains of the House, who have officiated as such, at the present session, five dollars each in full for their respective services.

[*Approved by the Governor, February 24, 1827.*]

CHAPTER XXXVIII.

Resolve fixing the place for the Meeting of the next Legislature of this State.

Resolved, That Hallowell in the County of Kennebec, be the place at which the next Legislature shall meet, and hold its session.

[*Approved by the Governor, February 24, 1827.*]

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, Feb. 21, 1827.

The Committee of the State Prison have attended to the subjects referred to them. In the general state of the Prison they find no important change since the last annual report. The reports of the Inspectors and Warden it is needless to recapitulate.

The great change in public sentiment, respecting the punishment of offences against the State, which has happened in recent years, while it recommends the mild principles of our free governments, gives pleasure to the philanthropist, and renders the age an era of humanity, has doubtless created hopes and expectations beyond the attainments of sober reality. Experience has put theory to the test ; and, as was to be expected in a new course, has detected errors so great as has caused several States to relinquish their penitentiary systems, and begin upon a new foundation.

The evils which call for reform in State Prison discipline, are numerous, and cannot be fully exhibited in this report ; nor is it necessary. The statement of the intelligent and faithful officers of the Prison, and information from other sources, have been considered and understood by the Legislature. While the Committee recommend several improvements in the laws and regulations as indispensable, it is gratifying to add that they are practicable.