

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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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.