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# RESOLVES

OF THE

**EIGHTH LEGISLATURE**

OF THE

**STATE OF MAINE,**

PASSED AT THE SESSION

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

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Published agreeably to the Resolve of the 20th June, 1820.

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## CHAPTER XII.

Resolve additional to a Resolve respecting certain settlers of the Public Lands, passed the twenty fifth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty five.

*Resolved*, That all the powers and authority given to the Land Agent by the Resolve to which this is additional, and all the rights and privileges granted to the settlers therein named, be, and the same are hereby, extended to the first Wednesday of January, which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine, and no longer, subject however to the conditions and restrictions contained in the Resolve aforesaid.

[*Approved by the Governor, January 31, 1828.*]

## STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, Jan. 15, 1828.

The Committee of both Houses, to whom was referred so much of the Governor's Speech as relates to the location of the Seat of Government and for providing Public Buildings, and the documents relating thereto, have had the same under consideration, and REPORT :—

That pursuant to the provisions of the Act of the last Legislature, fixing the place of the permanent Seat of Government and prescribing where the Legislature shall hold its sessions, the Governor and Council held a session at Augusta, in June last, and after having viewed several sites in that town, came to the conclusion and determination to select the lot called Capitol Hill or Weston's Lot, as the most suitable lot on which the Public Buildings might be erected, and gave notice of their determination to the citizens of Augusta, who thereupon caused said lot to be conveyed to the State by a good and sufficient deed executed and delivered, which deed was unanimously accepted by the Governor and Council, caused to be registered, and is now in the office of the Secretary of State ; and measures have been adopted by the Executive, and nearly carried into effect, to cause this lot to be fenced and ornamented with forest trees, as far as could be done by the appropriation made for that object.

It may be proper for the Committee to add for the information of the Legislature, that the lot now selected and accepted by the Governor and Council is the same which was selected by a Committee of the Legislature in 1822, and referred to in their Report accepted by the Legislature in 1823, as the most

central and suitable place at which the permanent Seat of Government should be established, and that the town of Augusta has laid out, and partly made a street across the lot, whereby access to the lot is rendered more easy and convenient.

The law of the State having provided that the Legislature shall assemble and hold its sessions at Augusta on and after the first day of January, 1832, it seems to be the duty of this Legislature to consider the means they have at command whereby to provide for, and defray the expense of erecting suitable Public Buildings, for the accommodation, at that time, of the Executive and Legislative Departments of the Government and of the several Public Offices required by law to be kept at the Seat of Government.

The means suggested are *Taxes, Loans* and the *Wild Lands* belonging to the State : but inasmuch as the Committee approve the views taken and advanced by the Governor in his communication on this subject, they forbear to add any thing of their own, further than to say, that if the Public Buildings are to be obtained by an appropriation of Public Lands, and completed for the use of the Legislature in 1832, good policy and the interest of the State require that measures be now taken to effect that object : and the Committee report the accompanying Resolve, which is respectfully submitted.

MARK DENNETT, *Per Order.*

### CHAPTER XIII.

Resolve for providing Public Buildings for the use of the State.

*Resolved*, That the Governor, with advice of Council be, and he hereby is authorized and requested to appoint, during pleasure, a Commissioner of Public Buildings, and from time to time, to fill any vacancy that may happen by removal or otherwise ; which Commissioner shall have power and be required to obtain plans, and estimates of the probable expense of preparing the grounds, erecting and finishing Public Buildings of durable materials, upon the State lot in Augusta, for the accommodation of the Executive and Legislative Departments of the Government and of the several Public Officers who, by law, are required to keep their offices at the Seat of Government, to be laid before the Governor and Council for their examination and approval. And whenever the Governor and Council shall have determined upon the plan and estimate to be adopted and certified the same to the Commissioner, the said Commissioner shall have power to proceed and prepare the ground, provide materials and cause the buildings

to be erected and finished conformably to the plan approved by the Governor and Council, subject, however, to such changes, modifications and alterations as, in the progress of the work may be suggested and approved by the Governor and Council: *Provided however*, That said Commissioner shall not have power to pledge the faith of the State for the payment of any sum or sums of money, or for the performance of any contract or agreement respecting said buildings, beyond the avails of the appropriation herein made, or which hereafter may be made by the Legislature; *Provided also*, That said Commissioner shall give bond to the State, with sufficient sureties to the satisfaction of the Governor and Council, and in such sum as they may require, conditioned that such Commissioner shall faithfully perform the duties assigned him, and execute the powers granted to him and shall truly account to the Governor and Council, for all monies that may come into his hands, in virtue of his appointment; and in the event of any balance remaining in his hands upon the final settlement of his accounts, that he will pay such balance into the Treasury of the State.

*Resolved*, That there be, and hereby are appropriated, for the purpose of erecting and completing Public Buildings for the use of the State, the following townships, and half townships of land (subject to the reservation for public uses as provided by law,) to wit: the west half of township numbered three in the third Range; the north half of township numbered one, in the sixth Range, and township numbered three in the seventh Range, west of the monument according to Norris and McMillan's plan: township numbered one and township marked B, in the eleventh Range; township numbered two and township marked A, in the thirteenth Range, and township marked A, in the fourteenth Range of townships west of the monument, according to Joseph Norris' plan; Township numbered five in the fourth Range and township numbered six in the seventh Range, west of the monument, according to a plan made by Joseph Norris and Joseph C. Norris; and township numbered two in the second Range of townships north of Bingham's Kennebec purchase, and west of Moosehead Lake, according to Joseph Norris' plan. And the Land Agent, for the time being, is authorized and required to cause said townships and half townships of land to be advertised for sale at auction, in one or more newspapers in each of the Counties in the State, if any be printed therein, for three months at least, before the sale, and agreeably to such notice to sell the same in townships or parts of townships as he may think best, at public vendue to the highest bidder upon

the following terms, viz : one fifth part to be paid in cash at the time of sale, and the residue in four equal annual instalments, with interest annually, to be secured to the State by the joint notes of the purchaser with two or more sufficient sureties to the acceptance of said Agent; and if, at the time appointed for the sale, the whole of said townships cannot be sold without too great sacrifice, in the opinion of said Agent, said Agent may sell such part of the townships as can be then sold without too great sacrifice, and stop the sales of the residue; and in such case the Agent is authorized to advertise anew in the manner before provided, and proceed to sell, upon like terms, the residue of said townships and half townships; and the said Agent is authorized to make good and sufficient deeds of said land to the respective purchasers as soon as they shall severally have paid the amount of their respective purchases and interest. And said Land Agent is required to pay into the Treasury of the State the sums he may receive upon the sale or sales of said land and to deliver over to the Treasurer of State, all the notes he may obtain upon the sale, or sales of said land, immediately after he shall have received them; and the authority of the said Land Agent, to sell as aforesaid, by virtue of this Resolve, shall cease whenever he shall have raised a sum equal to the estimated expense of completing said public buildings.

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer of the State be directed to keep a separate account of all monies that may be received by him from the sales of said land and from the notes in payment therefor; and the Governor, with the advice of Council, is hereby authorized to draw his warrant, at pleasure, upon the Treasurer for any part of said sums, raised as aforesaid, in favor of said Commissioner, to be by him laid out and expended for the purposes aforesaid.

*Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of said Commissioner to keep a record of his doings, and true and accurate accounts of all monies received and paid by him, and annually, in the month of January, to exhibit the same to the Governor and Council for examination and settlement; and the Governor and Council are authorized to scrutinize and settle said accounts, annually, and to make such allowance to said Commissioner for his services and incidental expenses, as shall be just and reasonable, to be paid out of the sales of the land aforesaid.

[*Approved by the Governor, February 2, 1828.*]