

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the  
**LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY**  
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library  
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied  
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

# 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.

---

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

---

PORTLAND.

PRINTED BY THOMAS TODD.....PRINTER TO THE STATE.

1828.

## STATE OF MAINE.

The Committee of the State Prison have had the subjects referred to them under consideration, and ask leave to Report :

That no material change has occurred in the general concerns of the Prison for the year past, and the same appear to have been managed by its officers, with their accustomed fidelity.

Your Committee have examined the account of the Warden as rendered between himself and the State, and find that it has been carefully revised by the Inspectors, and by them compared with his books and vouchers, and entertain no doubt of its correctness ; by this it appears there is due him the sum of fifteen hundred and fifty dollars and twelve and a half cents.

The number of cells in the prison is fifty ; the average number of convicts for two years last past has been from seventy to eighty ; the highest number, at any one time, ninety-three ; and the present number seventy-one.

The necessity of confining convicts in separate sleeping cells, as to the purposes of reformation and moral improvement, is the common sentiment of all Legislatures.

The Committee therefore recommend the building of twenty additional cells, on the west wing of the prison.

That the community may derive a due advantage from the mild system of punishments, the State has wisely seen fit to adopt, a strict attention to the laws, in relation to crimes and punishments, and the regulations of prison discipline, is indispensable. From information derived from the intelligent officers of the Prison, your committee concur in the opinion expressed by the Legislature of the last year, that a revision of the laws in these particulars is necessary.

Your Committee have attended to the recommendations of the Warden as to the expediency of finishing the Prison yard and wharf ; to the extending the lime rock quarry by purchasing a small piece of land adjoining the prison ; completing the purchase of the granite quarries, and the necessary water craft for transporting them to the wharf, and recommend that appropriations be made for these purposes.

A Resolve to effect the objects presented in this Report, is respectfully submitted. N. CUTLER, *Per Order.*

## CHAPTER XVIII.

Resolve respecting the State Prison.

*Resolved,* That five thousand dollars are appropriated for the building of twenty additional cells in the west wing of the State Prison, for the confinement of convicts, to be erected

under the direction of the Governor and Council, whenever such erection shall be by them thought advisable.

*Resolved further,* That the Governor, with the advice of Council, is empowered to authorize the purchase of the lime rock quarry and land adjoining to the Prison, being about three hundred feet in length and one hundred feet in width, and the sum of three hundred dollars is hereby appropriated for that purpose.

*Resolved further,* That the sum of three hundred and twenty three dollars is hereby appropriated for the purpose of completing the purchase of granite quarries, already contracted for.

*Resolved further,* That the sum of two hundred dollars is appropriated for finishing the Prison Yard, and completing and securing the wharf lately constructed for the reception of granite; and a further sum of four hundred dollars, for the purpose of building a gondola, for transporting the same, from the quarries to the wharf.

*Resolved further,* That the Governor, with advice of Council, be authorized to appoint a committee of two persons, to sit in the recess of the Legislature, and consider the statutes respecting the State Prison; all laws concerning crimes and punishments; and the rules, regulations and management of the Prison generally, and report the result of their examination, by bill, resolve or otherwise, at an early day of the session of the next Legislature.

*Resolved further,* That the sum of fifteen hundred and fifty dollars, and twelve and one half cents is appropriated, to the use of the Warden of the State Prison, being the amount of the balance due him on his account for purchases and disbursements for the use of said Prison, for buildings, wharf, and extension of the yard.

[*Approved by the Governor, February 9, 1828.*]

---

## STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, January 30th, 1828.

The Committee on Literature and Literary Institutions, to whom was referred the petition of Nathau Weston, Jun, and others, praying for a continuance of aid to the Gardiner Lyceum, have had the same under consideration and ask leave to REPORT—

That the Institution for which a continuance of public aid is requested, was established in the year eighteen hundred and twen<sup>t</sup> / two, for the laudable and important purposes of furnish-