

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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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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view of the State, the sum of one thousand dollars: *Provided however*, That on the receipt of said sum the said Greenleaf shall give his personal obligation, that in case he shall unreasonably neglect or delay to complete said work according to the specification filed by him and accompanying this Resolve to the satisfaction of the Governor and Council, he shall be holden to refund to the said State the said sum of one thousand dollars, and interest, on demand.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the State be and hereby is authorized and directed to subscribe for forty copies of said maps, and statistical view, for the use and disposition of the State.

Resolved, That whenever said maps and statistical view shall be delivered at the office of the Secretary of State, he shall transmit one set to each of the Clerks in each County to be placed in their offices for the use and benefit of the inhabitants of each of said Counties; one set to the Presidents of each of the Colleges of Bowdoin and Waterville; and one set to the Principal of Gardiner Lyceum, for the use of said institutions; and the remaining sets to be hereafter disposed of at the pleasure of the State.

[*Approved by the Governor, February 12, 1828.*]

CHAPTER XXIII.

Resolve providing for the Choice of Electors of President and Vice President.

Resolved, That on the first Monday of November next, there shall be chosen at large out of the whole State, two Electors of President and Vice President of the United States, and one in each District within this State, as is or may be limited for the choice of Representatives to the Congress of the United States. And it shall be the duty of the Selectmen of the several towns, and the Assessors of the several plantations, in this state, in the manner the law directs for calling town meetings, to cause the inhabitants of their respective towns and plantations, duly qualified to vote for Representatives and Senators to the Legislature of this State, to assemble on Monday the third day of November next, to give in their written votes, to the Selectmen or Assessors, whose duty it shall be to preside in such meeting, for one Elector assigned to such District respectively, and for two Electors, to be chosen at large in the State, as aforesaid, not being Senators or Representatives, or persons holding any office of trust or profit under said United States. And the said Selectmen or Assessors,

or the major part of them, shall in open town meeting sort and count the votes, and form a list of the persons voted for, with the number of votes for each person, against his name; and shall make a public declaration thereof in said meeting, and shall, in presence of said inhabitants, seal up copies of said list, and transmit the same to the office of the secretary of the State, on or before the twentieth day of November next, at which time it shall be the duty of the Governor and Council to be in Session, who shall examine said returns and determine and declare who is elected by a majority of the votes in said Districts respectively, and in case an Elector shall not be chosen in any district by a majority of votes, or in case the two electors to be chosen at large or either of them shall not have a majority of votes, it shall be the duty of the Governor and Council to ascertain from the returns of votes the person who shall have the highest number of votes, in such District, or the person or persons who shall have the highest number of votes in the state at large, and to declare such person in any such district and the person or persons at large, having such plurality of votes to be duly elected.

Be it further Resolved, That the Secretary of this State is hereby directed forthwith to transmit to each person so chosen Elector, a certificate of his having been so chosen. And that said Electors be and hereby are directed to meet on the first Tuesday of December next, at the Senate Chamber in Portland. And in case of the death or absence of any of the Electors, or in case the whole number of Electors to which the state is entitled shall, from any cause, be deficient, the deficiencies shall immediately be supplied from the people by a majority of votes of the Electors present. And said Electors shall vote by ballot on the first Wednesday of December next, for one person for President and one person for Vice President of the United States. And for their travel and attendance they shall receive the same compensation as members of the Legislature, to be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of this State.

Be it further Resolved, That if the Selectmen of any town, or the Assessors of any Plantation in the State, shall neglect to transmit the list of votes of such town or plantation in manner aforesaid, to the Secretary of the State, on or before the twentieth day of November next, each of said Selectmen or Assessors so neglecting, shall forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding two hundred dollars nor less than fifty dollars.

Be it further Resolved, That the return of votes for Electors given as before directed shall be in substance in the following form, viz : At a legal meeting of the town of _____, (or plan-

tation, as the case may be) in the County of _____ qualified by the constitution to vote for Senators and Representatives in the Legislature of this State, holden on the _____ day of _____, being the _____ day of said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty _____. The said inhabitants gave in their votes for one Elector of President and Vice President of the United States for their District; and for two Electors for the state at large: and the same were received, sorted, counted and declared in open town (or plantation) meeting, by the Selectmen (or Assessors) who presided, and in presence of town (or plantation) Clerk, who formed a list of the persons voted for and made a record thereof as follows, viz: For _____, for this District.

For _____ }
 For _____ } *At Large.*

} *Selectmen*
 [or
 } *Assessors.*]

Attest _____ *Town Clerk.*

And it shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to procure and seasonably to furnish blank returns, in the form aforesaid, to the several towns and plantations in the State.

[*Approved by the Governor, February 12, 1828.*]

CHAPTER XXIV.

Resolve relating to Internal Improvements.

Resolved, That the Governor, with advice of Council, be authorized to appoint some suitable person to explore and examine the land from the north line of township numbered three, in the third range of townships west of Bingham's Kennebec Million acre tract, to the line between this State and the Province of Canada, so far as may be necessary to ascertain the best route for a road, and report the result to the Governor and Council, to be laid before the next Legislature: and a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars is appropriated to carry into effect the provisions of this Resolve.

Resolved, That the road laid out the past season by Joel Wellington, from Mattanawcook stream to Houlton Plantation, be approved, and the Governor, with advice of Council, be authorized to appoint some suitable person, as Agent, in behalf of this State, for the purpose of opening and causing to be cleared and made passable, so much of the road aforesaid, as passes through and over land belonging to this State: