

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.

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

PORTLAND.

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1828.

MESSAGE OF THE GOVERNOR.

To the Senate and House of Representatives :

Having received the Report of the Commissioners, on the part of this State, appointed under the Resolve of the twentieth of January, one thousand eight hundred and twenty seven, providing for the survey and establishment of the line between Maine and New Hampshire, the same is transmitted for the consideration of the Legislature.

ENOCH LINCOLN.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, }
January 28, 1828. }

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 22, 1828.

The Joint Select Committee to whom was referred a communication from the Governor of the 28th ult. accompanied with the Report of the Commissioners under the Resolve of January 20th, 1827, providing for the survey and establishment of the line between Maine and New Hampshire, together with sundry other documents relating to that subject, having carefully considered the same, and attended to the evidence before them, ask leave to state for the information of the Legislature, the following facts :—That on the first meeting of the Commissioners of the two States, it appears they could not agree upon the principles to be pursued in effecting an establishment of said line, as the Commissioners on the part of New Hampshire did not consider themselves “ authorized under their Resolve and instructions to do any thing more than to ascertain where the line was originally run, and to establish that.” Our Commissioners, at that time, did not know but that the *old line* might be found correct, or nearly so, and considering it an object of importance to ascertain that fact, they agreed with the New Hampshire Commissioners to trace the original boundary for the express purpose of ascertaining facts in relation thereto. It appears that at the time of this meeting, they had not examined the original documents relating to said line. That at the time agreed upon, the Commissioners of both States met on the Salmon Falls River, in the town of Shapleigh, and proceeded to examine the principal branches thereof, having found by examining the ancient papers and plans in their possession, that by the original charter, the course of said line was to pass up through the river “ Newichawonick,” (now Salmon Falls) “ to the furthest head thereof, thence north westwardly,” &c. They