

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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RESOLVES

OF THE

NINTH LEGISLATURE,

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED AT THE SESSION

WHICH COMMENCED ON THE SEVENTH DAY OF JANUARY, AND ENDED ON
THE SIXTH DAY OF MARCH, ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUN-
DRED AND TWENTY NINE.

Published agreeably to the Resolve of the 28th June, 1820.

Portland:

DAY & FRASER.....PRINTERS TO THE STATE.
1829.

CHAP. 22.

Resolve in favor of Edward Williams

Approved February 18, 1829.

RESOLVED, That the sum of one hundred and seventy dollars and forty five cents be allowed and paid to Edward Williams, in full for his account for materials and labor in making a fence upon the State lot in Augusta, and the Governor, with advice of Council, is authorized to draw his warrant on the Treasurer for said sum.

CHAP. 23.

An additional 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.

Approved February 18, 1829.

RESOLVED, That all the powers and authority given to the Land Agent, and all the rights and privileges granted to the settlers by the Resolve to which this is additional, 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 thirty and no longer; subject however to the conditions and restrictions in the Resolve aforesaid.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 13, 1829.

The Committee on the State Prison and criminal code in attending to the duties assigned them, have had under consideration the accounts of Joel Miller, Esq. Warden, and of the prison in general, and ask leave to **REPORT** :

That they have examined the Warden's accounts contained in a Day Book, Journal and Leger, and carefully compared the same from the first day of September to the thirtieth day of November, 1828 inclusive, and they would remark in general, that they appear to be correctly kept and properly vouched. But in examining the items they find many of the articles purchased for the use of the Prison to have been obtained in small quantities and at retail prices, and when purchased in larger quantities, were bought on credit and at higher prices than they might have been obtained for, had they been paid for at the time of purchase.

But for this your committee are of opinion no blame is to be attributed to the Warden, as he was under the necessity of doing so for want of funds to make purchases on more advantageous terms. The committee are of opinion that the interest of the State requires that the Warden be furnished in advance with funds sufficient to make purchases according to the wants of the Prison.

It appears that the working of granite is one of the most profitable, and should be one of the principal employments of the convicts. With this view, large appropriations have been made for purchasing and opening granite quarries, for the means of transportation; for a suitable wharf and shops for the use of the convicts engaged in its manufacture.

In the purchase of rough granite, very high prices have been given, when it is considered that the State owns the quarries from which it is taken. The Warden attributes the high prices recently given, to the lateness in the season when the contracts were made and the necessity of having a sufficient stock on hand for the winter's use. But is of opinion that as the quarries are now opened, more advantageous bargains may be made in future.

The limestone quarry appears to be worked to advantage and affords a net profit to the State. There appears to be an increase of stock on hand at the Prison belonging to the State, for the term of three months, of \$2,568,31.

There is in the hands of the Warden \$1,702,29 1-2 in notes and accounts delivered to him on the first day of January 1829, by the late Warden, which is to be credited to the State in the accounts of the current year.

After the most diligent and laborious attention to the subject which the committee have been able to give. The balance due the Warden appears to be \$3,824,52, and the committee ask leave to report a Resolve, which is herewith submitted in a new draft.

E. S. PHELPS, *per order*.

CHAP. 24.

Resolve in favor of Joel Miller.

Approved February 19, 1829.

RESOLVED, That there be paid out of the Treasury of the State, to Joel Miller, three thousand eight hundred and twenty four dollars and fifty two cents, in full for the balance of his accounts, as Warden of the State Prison, from September first to November thirtieth, one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight, both inclusive.