

# 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.

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## MESSAGE OF THE GOVERNOR.

To the Senate and House of Representatives :

I have the honor to transmit herewith, a communication from the Hon. William King, Commissioner of Public Buildings, dated the 29th ultimo, together with the plans and estimates for the Public Buildings, prepared by his direction, and also the proceedings of the present Council in relation to the same subject.

ENOCH LINCOLN.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,  
Portland, Feb. 4, 1829. }

PORTLAND, January 29, 1829.

Having been requested to present to the Executive, the plans for the erection of a building for the accommodation of the Legislative and Executive departments of the Government, founded on an estimate of the expense of said buildings not exceeding eighty thousand dollars, and having this day presented the said plans as far as completed. I have now the honor to state, that the erection of a stone building one hundred and fifty feet in length and fifty feet in width, with an arcade and colonade projecting fifteen feet in front, and eighty in length, in accordance with the plans presented, will, from the best information which I have obtained, and the most accurate calculations which I have been able to make, probably cost, and not exceed, the sum of *eighty thousand dollars*. As the lands which have been appropriated by a former Legislature, will not probably, when the sales are completed, amount to the above sum, and as the undersigned is to conduct his business under the direction of the Governor and Council ; before any contract can with propriety be made, either the plan presented or some other should be determined on, and such further instructions given as will enable the undersigned so to conduct his business, as that it shall be in perfect accordance with the views and opinions of the executive department.

I have the honor to subscribe,  
with great respect,  
your obedient servant,

WILLIAM KING, *Com. P. B.*

To His Excellency the Governor, }  
and the Hon. Council, } }

STATE OF MAINE.

IN COUNCIL, February 2, 1829.

The committee of the whole Council, to whom was referred a communication from the Hon. William King, Commissioner of the Public Buildings, under date the nineteenth day of November

last, accompanied by sundry plans, referred from the last to the present Council, and also a communication from the Commissioner aforesaid, under date the twenty-ninth day of January A. D. 1829, presenting a plan prepared by Mr. Bulfinch, and an estimate of the expense of erecting and finishing upon the State lot in Augusta, for the accommodation of the Legislative and Executive Departments of the Government, a stone building one hundred and fifty feet in length, and fifty feet in width, with an arcade and colonade, projecting fifteen feet in front and eighty feet in length, in accordance with the plan last mentioned, which in his opinion, according to the most accurate calculations he has been able to make, would probably cost and not exceed the sum of eighty thousand dollars, being the sum fixed and estimated by a Resolve of the Governor and Council, passed on the second day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight, as the probable expense of preparing the grounds, erecting and finishing said public building of durable materials upon the site aforesaid; having had the same under consideration, recommend the passage of the following Resolve:

**RESOLVED**, That the plan prepared by Mr. Bulfinch as aforesaid, representing the Boston State House, reduced to the dimensions aforesaid, be approved, adopted and certified to the Hon. William King, Commissioner of Public Buildings, subject however to such changes, modifications and alterations as are contemplated by the Resolve of the Legislature, passed February the second, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight, entitled, "Resolve for providing Public Buildings for the use of the State."

All which is respectfully submitted,

REUEL WASHBURN, *per order*!

IN COUNCIL, February 3, 1829.

This Report on being read, was accepted by the Council and by the Governor approved.

ATTEST, EDWARD RUSSELL, *Sec. of State*.

IN SENATE, February 17, 1829.

The Committee on State Lands, to whom were referred so much of the Governor's Speech as relates to Public Buildings, and the Governor's Message of the 4th instant, transmitting a communication from the Hon. William King, with plans and estimates for the Public Buildings, and the proceedings of Council in relation thereto, have had the same under consideration and  
REPORT :

That the provisions of the Resolve of February 2, 1828, "for providing Public Buildings for the use of the State," have been carried into effect, so far as proceedings under it have been had, in a satisfactory manner. Of the ten townships of land appropriated by that Resolve, seven have been sold for the sum of \$45,230,60; the remaining three townships were advertised and offered for sale, but could not then be sold without making, in the opinion of the Land Agent, too great sacrifice, and remain unsold.

Should the expense of erecting and completing the buildings agreeably to the plan submitted and adopted be equal to the estimate furnished, further appropriations will be necessary, and may be made by the Legislature from time to time, as the actual cost of the buildings shall be ascertained.

Of the proceeds of the sales of the seven townships, \$6,574,58 are now in the Treasury. In July next, an instalment of the notes given for the purchase, being 9,039 and one year's interest on the whole notes, being 2,169,36 making in all \$17,782,94

will be available to meet the expenditure of the current year, and should this sum be insufficient to do all that can be done economically, during the year, the committee are assured that some of the purchasers will anticipate the payment of their remaining notes, equal to the requirements of the year.

But inasmuch as some of the public lands are much exposed to depredations, and are of very little value except for the timber upon them, and in the opinion of the Land Agent and of this committee, ought to be sold during the coming summer, the committee recommend that they be added to the appropriation heretofore made, and sold at such time as the Land Agent shall think will be most beneficial to the State, and for this purpose submit the accompanying Resolve.

SOLOMON PARSONS, *Chairman.*

## CHAP. 25.

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

Approved February 19, 1829.

RESOLVED, That in addition to the townships and parts of townships appropriated by a Resolve, approved February second one thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight, 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 part of a township of land (subject to the reservation for public uses as provided by law) to wit, township numbered one in

the ninth range, and township marked A. in the eleventh range, west of the monument, according to Joseph Norris' plan; and all that part of township numbered four, in the third range of townships, west of said monument, according to a plan made by Joseph Norris and Joseph C. Norris, which was assigned and set off to the State of Maine, by the commissioners under the Act providing for the separation of Maine from Massachusetts. And the Land Agent is hereby vested with all the powers and made liable to all the duties, in regard to advertising and selling said lands hereby appropriated, and paying over the proceeds thereof as are contained in the Resolve to which this is additional: *Provided*, That whenever there shall have been raised, by the sale of the lands heretofore and herein appropriated for erecting Public Buildings, the sum of eighty thousand dollars, the authority of said Land Agent shall cease, in regard to any of said lands remaining unsold.

**RESOLVED**, That the Treasurer be directed to keep an account of the monies and notes he may receive in payment for the lands hereby appropriated, as provided in the Resolve to which this is additional.

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### STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, January 26, 1829.

The Committee on Literature and Literary Institutions, to whom was referred the petition of the Maine Wesleyan Seminary, praying for pecuniary assistance, having had the same under consideration, ask leave to **REPORT**:—

That among our Literary Institutions, the Gardiner Lyceum and the Maine Wesleyan Seminary hold an important rank. The former, having been decently provided for by a Resolve of the last session of the Legislature, your committee have turned their attention to the latter. The course of studies here pursued, the matter taught, the regulations of the institution, combining useful exercise with mental attainments, together with the objects it has in view in the cultivation and diffusion of knowledge, all conspire to recommend it to the favorable notice of an enlightened and virtuous public. Your committee therefore, not less from a sense of duty, than from the dictates of the heart, select it as having the first claim, our Colleges excepted, to Legislative aid—and for this purpose respectfully submit a Resolve.

JOSHUA CUSHMAN, *Chairman*.