

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# RESOLVES

OF THE

TENTH LEGISLATURE,

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED AT THE SESSION,

WHICH COMMENCED ON THE SIXTH DAY OF JANUARY, AND ENDED ON  
THE NINETEENTH DAY OF MARCH ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUN-  
DRED AND THIRTY.

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## CHAP. 22.

Resolve in favor of the Penobscot Indians.

Approved March 10, 1830.

RESOLVED, That a sum not exceeding two hundred dollars, to be determined by the Governor and Council, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of the State to Virgil H. Barber, for the purpose of purchasing a bell for the use of the Penobscot tribe of Indians ; and that the Governor, with advice of Council, be, and hereby is authorized to draw his warrant on the Treasurer for the same.

## MESSAGE OF THE GOVERNOR.

*To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :*

In compliance with the orders of the House of Representatives, of the 19th instant, I have the honor to transmit the "Report of the Agent appointed to superintend the expenditure on the Matanawcook Road the last year," with a copy of his account settled with the Council on said 19th instant. Also, the doings of the Governor and Council, in relation to the Public Buildings, June 22, 1829, a communication from Hon. William King, Commissioner, dated the 29th of October last, and an account of warrants drawn on the Treasurer, under the authority of the "Resolve for providing Public Buildings for the use of the State." The Commissioner has not rendered his account, nor made any report of his doings for the past year.

JONATHAN G. HUNTON.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, }  
February 22, 1830. }

The Joint Committee of the Legislature appointed to inquire into the expenditures on the Public Buildings at Augusta, and to report what further appropriation may be necessary to complete said Buildings, have had the same under consideration and ask leave to REPORT,

That the Commissioner on the Public Buildings not having made a report in compliance with the resolve of February 2, 1828, by which the office was created, your committee have been compelled to resort, for the information intended to be furnished by such report, to Mr. Emery, the superintendant of said buildings, to a communication made by the commissioner to the Governor and Council, on the 29th October, 1829, and to the Treasurer's annual report for 1829.

The amount of the expenditures up to January 1st, 1830, as ascertained from these sources, was \$28,600, and your committee are of opinion that an appropriation of \$25,000 will be required in addition to the balance of former appropriations now unexpended, to ensure the completion of the outside walls, and the closing in of the building during the present year, and the purchase and preparation of lumber and other materials for finishing the inside during the succeeding year. This sum added to the appropriations of January 15, 1828, and February 9, 1829, will make an aggregate of \$75,210 75, which it will be perceived falls little short of the estimate made by the commissioner of the whole expense of said buildings.

Your committee have examined with much care the estimate of the superintendent, of the necessary expenditures of the present year, and are of opinion that the original estimate made by the commissioner, will not be materially exceeded in the expense of said building, as the whole expense of completing the outside, making and slating the roof, furnishing the bricks, lime, &c. raising the partition walls on the inside of said building, and the furnishing the lumber and some portion of the labor on the inside, are included in the estimate of the superintendent.

The first appropriations made for the erection of these Buildings were in land, by the recommendation of the late Governor Lincoln. This was then thought to be the easiest and least objectionable mode of obtaining the funds necessary for said purpose, and perhaps at that time was not injudiciously adopted; but your committee are of opinion that the policy of throwing more lands into the market at the present depressed prices, thus tending still further to reduce them, is liable to serious objections, as they believe the present market prices of our public lands much below their intrinsic value. Therefore as there can be little prospect of raising the necessary funds from the sale of public lands, without much injury to the interests of the State, and as money can be obtained at a low rate of interest on the credit of the State, your committee are of opinion that the most economical mode of obtaining it at this time, will be to negotiate a loan on the credit of the State at a rate of interest not exceeding five per cent. per annum, for \$25,000, redeemable in ——— years, and that such further sum as may be necessary in the course of the present year, be obtained by discounting the notes for the lands sold on account of the public buildings now in the hands of the Treasurer; and for this purpose they recommend the adoption of the resolves herewith reported.

Your committee cannot consider the question open to their consideration, whether the erection of these buildings upon the plan adopted by the State, was, or was not necessary for the accommodation of its Legislature and public officers, due to its character as a State, or justified by its wealth and resources.

These questions have been repeatedly acted upon and settled by former Legislatures, and always in the affirmative ; whether judiciously or not, is now of little importance to inquire, it is sufficient to know, that appropriations have already been made, and that the expenditures under these appropriations in pursuance of their object, have been to an amount, to leave no doubt on the minds of your committee, that a prudent regard to the interests of the State, requires their completion in conformity to the original plan, and that the work cannot be retarded by a neglect to make the necessary appropriation, without serious and lasting injury to the buildings themselves in leaving the walls in an unfinished state, exposed to the frosts and storms of the next winter, and a disregard to the fulfilment of the law providing for the removal of the seat of government to Augusta, A. D. 1832. Nor should it be forgotten, that we have been for a long time dependant upon the kindness of the town of Portland for the use of its public buildings, which, if it has been of a character not to remind us of our obligation, should not the less entitle the fact to our attention, so that what has been so kindly accorded to us in hospitality, should not be worn into a right by the length of its indulgence and enjoyment on our part.

ASHER HINDS, *Chairman.*

## CHAP. 23.

Resolve further providing for erecting and completing the Public Buildings.

Approved March 11, 1830.

**RESOLVED**, That there be, and hereby is appropriated the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars for the purpose of erecting and completing the public buildings on the State lot at Augusta, to be obtained as hereinafter provided ; and the Governor, with advice of Council, is authorized to draw his warrants at pleasure, for any part of said sum, in favor of the commissioner of public buildings, to be by him expended and accounted for, agreeably to the provisions of the Resolve, passed the second day of February eighteen hundred and twenty eight.

**RESOLVED**, That the Treasurer of the State be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to obtain on the faith of the State, a loan of twenty five thousand dollars, on terms most favorable to the State, not less than par, reimbursable at the pleasure of the Government after eight years, with interest not exceeding five per cent. per annum, to be paid semi-annually at the Treasury.

**RESOLVED**, That it shall be the duty of the Treasurer to issue proposals for said loan, and advertise the same at least sixty days, in all the newspapers in Portland, and the persons or corporations offering the greatest premium for such loan, or any part of it, shall have the same.

RESOLVED, That the Treasurer of State be, and he hereby is authorized, from time to time, as the Governor, with advice of Council, may direct, to discount any of the notes given for sales of lands, appropriated for the public buildings, and now in the Treasurer's office ; and to transfer and endorse the same, on receiving the amount due thereon.

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## CHAP. 24.

Resolve laying a tax on the several counties in this State.

Approved March 11, 1830.

RESOLVED, That the sums annexed to the several counties contained in the following schedule, be, and the same are hereby granted, as a tax for each county respectively, to be apportioned, assessed, collected and applied, for the purpose of paying the debts and necessary expenses of the same, and for other purposes ordered by law.

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| YORK,       | Seven thousand dollars,                        |
| CUMBERLAND, | Fourteen thousand dollars.                     |
| LINCOLN,    | Four thousand and eight hundred dollars.       |
| KENNEBEC,   | Seven thousand dollars.                        |
| HANCOCK,    | Three thousand dollars.                        |
| WASHINGTON, | Three thousand four hundred and ten dollars.   |
| OXFORD,     | Five thousand dollars.                         |
| SOMERSET,   | Three thousand and five hundred dollars.       |
| PENOBSCOT,  | Six thousand seven hundred and twenty dollars. |
| WALDO,      | Five thousand and five hundred dollars.        |

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## CHAP. 25.

An additional Resolve for opening and clearing a road from township number two, Old Indian Purchase, on the east side of Penobscot River, to Matanawcook Stream.

Approved March 12, 1830.

RESOLVED, That the Governor, with advice of Council, be, and hereby is authorized to appoint an agent, whose duty it shall be, under the direction of the Governor and Council, and in the mode herein provided, to make or cause to be made, the road from the south line of township number two, old Indian purchase, on the east side of Penobscot river to Matanawcook stream, where the same has been opened and partly made, unless said agent shall find alterations necessary, in which case, the said agent is authorized to make the alterations, not varying essentially from said first mentioned route.