

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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RESOLVES

OF THE

TWELFTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED AT THE SESSION

WHICH COMMENCED ON THE FOURTH DAY OF JANUARY, AND ENDED ON
THE NINTH DAY OF MARCH, ONE THOUSAND EIGHT
HUNDRED AND THIRTY-TWO.

PUBLISHED AGREEABLY TO THE RESOLVE OF JUNE 28, 1820.

AUGUSTA:

I. BERRY & CO., PRINTERS TO THE STATE.

1832.

Resolved, That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives requested, to use their best efforts to prevent our State from being dismembered, our territory alienated, and our just rights prostrated, by the adoption of a *new* line for our Northeastern Boundary, as recommended by the King of Holland.

Resolved, That the Agent to be appointed by the Governor and Council, be instructed to co-operate with our Senators and Representatives, in advocating and enforcing the principles advanced, and positions taken, in the foregoing Resolutions, and in supporting all such measures as shall be deemed best calculated to preserve the integrity of our State, and prevent any portion of our territory and citizens from being transferred to a Foreign Power.

Chapter 2.

An additional Resolve respecting the Northeastern Boundary.

Approved January 24, 1832.

Whereas it appears by the extraordinary recommendation of the King of Holland, acting as Arbiter on the North Eastern Boundary question, that a portion of our territory, of which the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the State of Maine are joint owners, is sought to be ceded to Great Britain in violation of the rights of property of the former State, and of the rights of property, as well as sovereignty, of this State; and Whereas a crisis has arrived, which, it is believed, calls for the vigorous and united action of Massachusetts and Maine to save the former from the loss of property and the latter from being dismembered: and

Whereas the people of Maine, recently separated from the Parent State, feel that they will not appeal in vain to the high moral sense, as well as the sympathies, of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to aid them, at this critical juncture, in preventing their ancient land marks from being removed, and a portion of their territory and citizens from being wrongfully transferred to a foreign Power: therefore,

Resolved, That the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts be requested to co-operate with this State in such measures as shall be best calculated to prevent the

adoption of a *new* line for the Northeastern Boundary of the United States, as recommended by the King of Holland, instead of the old line established by the treaty of seventeen hundred eighty three, whereby a portion of the territory owned by the two States is jeoparded, and the integrity and sovereignty of this State are threatened.

Resolved, That the Governor, with advice of Council, be authorized to appoint an Agent, whose duty it shall be to repair to Boston and deliver to the Executive of Massachusetts a copy of these and other Resolves in relation to the Northeastern Boundary question, passed at this session, with a request that he will lay the same before the Legislature of that Commonwealth, and that he also deliver a copy to each member of the Council and Legislature of said Commonwealth.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, January 19, 1832.

The Joint Standing Committee on State Roads to whom was referred so much of the Governor's Message as related to the Mattanawcook road, and the report of the Governor and Council giving instructions to the Agent for said road, and the report of said Agent have had the same under consideration and report

The appropriation of five thousand dollars made by the last Legislature was then thought to be sufficient to open and finish this road—but difficulties which could not have been foreseen have arisen and render a further appropriation necessary. In March last a freshet greater than ever before known carried away every bridge from the South line of township No. 2 Old Indian purchase to the Mattanawcook stream—To rebuild these bridges and repair the damage to the road rendered in many places impassable required upwards of four thousand dollars—In June last the Agent reported the state of the road to the Governor and Council who passed an order directing the Agent to proceed and complete the road agreeably to the provisions of the Resolve of the Legislature passed March 4, 1831.—In order to do this it became necessary to exceed in expenditure the amount of the appropriation in the sum of twenty eight hundred and seventy nine dollars forty three cents, of this sum about seventeen hundred dollars is now due the contractors on account of their contracts nearly completed, and which were to have been completed by the 20th of October last, but prevented by the uncommon wetness of the season—From the circumstance