

# 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.

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PUBLISHED AGREEABLY TO THE RESOLVE OF JUNE 28, 1820.

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AUGUSTA:

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

1832.

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 jeopardded, 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.

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## 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

that the Penobscot River in the last spring freshet overflowed and damaged the road that lay low and adjacent to the river the Agent changed the location of the road in many places removed it farther from the river and thereby obtained higher ground and harder bottom which alterations have been made as your Committee have been informed without increase of distance.

The population on this road is so small that the road cannot be kept in repair without some precautionary measures on the part of the State. Your Committee would therefore recommend the enforcing by law of broad rimmed wheels on this road as those wheels have a tendency to make rather than mar a road. To make finish and repair this road and satisfy the claims of the Agent Jabez Bradbury Esq. for labor and expenditures beyond the amount of the former appropriation your Committee are satisfied that a further appropriation of five thousand dollars is required and they recommend that that appropriation be made.

All which with the accompanying Resolves are respectfully submitted.

JAIRUS S. KEITH, *Per Order*.

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### Chapter 3.

An additional Resolve relating to the Mattanawcook Road.

Approved January 31, 1832.

*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, to make contracts and superintend the execution of the same, to repair and finish the road leading from the South line of Township No. 2 Old Indian Purchase on the East side of Penobscot river to Mattanawcook stream where the same has been opened and partly made unless said Agent shall find some alterations therein necessary and in that case said Agent is authorized to make the road where it will accommodate the public.

*Resolved*, That said road shall be thoroughly made and turnpiked twenty two feet wide at least carefully drained with a sufficient number of well constructed culverts and side drains carefully and exactly graduated and with drains to convey away all stagnant waters to prevent the washing or loosening of the materials of which the road is formed.

*Resolved*, That said Agent shall survey said road and return correct plans thereof into the office of the Secretary of State and into the Clerk's office of the County Commissioners' Court for the County of Penobscot.

*Resolved*, That the sum of five thousand dollars be and hereby is appropriated to satisfy the claim of Jabez Bradbury, Esquire for labor and expenditure already made by him upon said road and to enable the Agent who may be appointed under the foregoing Resolve to repair and complete said road and that said sum of five thousand dollars be paid out of any moneys which may be received into the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

*Resolved*, That the Agent be required to give a bond with surety or sureties, satisfactory to the Governor and Council for the faithful performance of his duty and shall keep a correct account of all moneys by him received and the sums by him expended in making and repairing said road and exhibit the same to the Governor and Council who are hereby authorized to examine and adjust the same.

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#### Chapter 4.

Resolve in favor of Nathaniel Haskell.

Approved January 31, 1832.

*Resolved*, That the time allowed by a Resolve, approved on the twenty fifth day of February A. D. one thousand eight hundred and thirty one, in which Nathaniel Haskell was to make his selection of the three hundred acres of land thereby granted to him, be and the same is hereby enlarged and extended to the twenty fifth day of February A. D. one thousand eight hundred and thirty three: any thing in said Resolve to the contrary notwithstanding.

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#### Chapter 5.

Resolve admitting Seth May to practise as an Attorney at Law.

Approved January 31, 1832.

*Resolved*, On the petition of Seth May, for reasons set forth in said May's petition, that the Justices of the Court of Common Pleas, be, and they are hereby authorized to admit said May to practise Law as an Attorney in said Court, in this State: he paying the duty required by law.