

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.

shall have practised for the term of two years as an Attorney in said Supreme Judicial Court; he paying the duty required by law.

Chapter 24.

Resolve on the petition of John Jeffries.

Approved February 18, 1832.

Upon the petition of John Jeffries, Guardian of John Joy, a minor son of Benjamin Joy late of Boston deceased, representing that said Benjamin Joy died seized of several large parcels of wild and uncultivated land situate in the Counties of Lincoln, Kennebec, Oxford, Waldo and Penobscot in the State of Maine, parts of which the said Benjamin in his life time entered into engagements to sell and dispose of and other parts of which it is for the interest of his ward to sell, and alleging that all the other heirs and representatives of said Benjamin Joy are now of full age and desirous of carrying into effect all the engagements of said deceased and to sell and dispose of all their lands as opportunities to do it may offer, and praying that said Guardian or some other person may be empowered to join with the other heirs and representatives of said deceased, to convey the right and interest of the said John Joy in any and all of said lands, and it being for the quiet and prosperity of the State that the citizens thereof should be enabled to obtain good titles to the whole of the lots and parcels they may be settled upon and wish to purchase, therefore

Resolved, That John Jeffries of Boston in the County of Suffolk, Physician, Guardian of John Joy a minor, the son of Benjamin Joy Esq. deceased, be authorized and empowered in behalf of the said John and until he shall be of full age, to join with the other heirs and representatives of said Benjamin Joy in carrying into effect any engagements entered into by said deceased in relation to any of his lands within this State, and jointly with said other heirs and representatives of the said Benjamin Joy to sell and otherwise dispose of all, and any part of the lands in this State of which the said Benjamin died seized and to make, execute and deliver, in behalf of said John Joy any deed or other instrument necessary to convey or otherwise dispose of the said John Joy's share and interest in such lands, whenever all the other heirs and representatives of said deceased shall concur in such conveyances or other agreements and be parties thereto. *Provided*, That before doing any act in virtue of this Resolve, the said John Jeffries shall give bond to the Judge of Probate for the County of Suffolk in such sum and with such sureties as the said Judge of Probate shall direct and approve, conditioned that he will faithfully execute the powers herein granted, and account for and pay over to said John Joy the avails of all sales and other agreements he may make in virtue of this Resolve as the said Judge may order and direct.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 11, 1832.

The joint select Committee to whom was referred an order "to consider the expediency of retaining in the possession" of the Legislature all petitions and other papers presented in support of claims against the State, whether allowed or not," have had the same under consideration and Report,

That they are of opinion that the practice of allowing claimants to withdraw their papers, in which the merits of their claims are set forth, is improper and unsafe to the State.--An investigation before a Committee enables the claimant to perceive the weak points in his case, and, if permitted to withdraw his papers, to present his claim again in a varied form before a new Committee at a future Legislature; or if a part of the former Committee should still remain, it is not to be expected that they can in all cases recollect the ground upon which it origiinally stood; thus almost any claim may be presented from year to year, in a new shape, and a Committee of the Legislature be required annually to wade through a tedious investigation of the same, until, perhaps, through some finesse of the claimant an unjust claim may be rendered plausible and prevail to the injury of the State.-The Committee, therefore, ask leave to report a Resolve which is herewith submitted.

STEPHEN WEBB, Jr. Chairman.

Chapter 25.

Resolve for preserving upon the files the papers of claimants against the State.

Approved February 21, 1832.

Resolved, That no papers presented to either branch of the Legislature in support of claims against the State shall