

# 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.

Benjamin Tappan, Rev. William Ford, Rev. William A. Drew, Rev. John B. Husted, Rev. Lemuel Porter, Rev. Allen Putnam, Dr. Eliphalet Gillet, Rev. Joseph Torrey, Rev. Stevens Everett, Rev. William H. Norris, Rev. George Shepherd, the sum of eight dollars each, in full for their respective services, as Chaplains of the Legislature.

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### Message of the Governor.

*To the Senate and House of Representatives:*

The Secretary of State will lay before you a copy of a communication from Reuel Williams, the Commissioner of the Public Buildings, stating the amount of his expenditures in finishing and furnishing the State House, and the sums received by him, in virtue of the Resolve for completing the Public Buildings, and also a copy of the report of the Council thereon.

In furnishing the House in a suitable manner, it was found necessary to exceed the appropriation made for that purpose, and several additions, and alterations, not contemplated in the original plan, have been made by the Commissioner, under the direction of the Executive department.

To reimburse the Commissioner for the sums expended by him for these purposes, more than the amount by him received, it is necessary that a specific appropriation should be made by the Legislature.

SAMUEL E. SMITH.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, }  
February 7, 1832. }

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### Commissioner's Report.

The Commissioner of Public Buildings, having caused the State House to be finished and completed to the satisfaction of the Governor and Council, (with the exceptions of

Iron railings to the flights of stone steps.

Finishing and painting the open Hall.

Again painting the entries and Representatives' Hall.

Painting the ceiling of the Senate Chamber.

Laying upper floors in the Dome and in the entries to the Dome.

And making the Dome tight, the doing of which was prevented by the severity of the cold,) has rendered to the Governor

and Council true and accurate accounts of all moneys received and paid by him, for examination and settlement.

That the public may be correctly informed of the amount of their money paid to the present Commissioner of Public Buildings, and of the expenditure thereof, the undersigned respectfully states that he has received from the State Treasury,

Appropriated by Resolve of March 18, 1831, for reimbursing the Treasury the amount advanced beyond appropriations before made, and for the payment of outstanding claims on account of the Public Buildings. 3,859 29

Appropriated by same Resolve, for completing the Public Buildings, levelling and preparing the grounds and fencing the same. 25,000 00

Appropriated by said Resolve, for furniture for the accommodation of the Legislature. 1,575 00

Received of Charles H. Beck for rent of State ground. 20 00

Received for sales of materials &c. 721 57

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\$31,175 86

And he has paid to the State Treasurer to reimburse the amount advanced beyond former appropriations. 2,428 94

To extinguish the outstanding claims. 1,430 35

For materials and Labor in finishing the House so far as it is done, according to the original plan and intention. 21,881 31

For making fire proof safes in the open Hall, and other additions and alterations directed and approved by the Governor and Council. 2,033 37

For repairs of the Colonnade flooring and making the joints of the coving stones tight and fitting the base of the Dome, &c. 122 76

The appropriation of 1,575 dollars was limited to furniture for the accommodation of the *Legislature* and was early ascertained to be inadequate to obtain such furniture as would be in keeping with the House, in which it was to be placed, or prove satisfactory to the two branches of the Legislature.

It was necessary for the Governor and Council to assemble at the State House, prior to the meeting of the Legislature, and it was the duty of the Secretary, Treasurer, Adjutant General and Land Agent to have their offices at the seat of Government, hence it was indispensable that some one should procure such furniture as would be suitable for the Council Chamber, the Ante and Messenger's rooms, and the public offices, and it was supposed by the Governor and Council that this duty would more properly devolve upon the Commissioner of Public Buildings than upon any other: Accordingly the undersigned undertook its performance and in the discharge of it, he has used all the economy in his power, consistent with having articles of good

quality and suited to the purposes for which they were intended. The expenditure for furniture has exceeded the appropriation, but upon examination of the articles, it will be found that most of them were obtained at fair prices, and nothing extravagant or superfluous has been procured.

The amount paid for furniture as per bills rendered to the Governor and Council is 5,286 97, and exceeds the appropriation \$3,711 97.

All the bills against the State House, it is believed, have been settled and paid, as well as all the bills for furniture, with the exceptions of the Mahogany Cases in the Secretary's Treasurer's, and Adjutant General's offices, which remain to be adjusted and paid.

The aggregate amount of expenditures by the undersigned is as follows.

Reimbursing the Treasury, . . . . .	2,428 94
Paid outstanding claims, . . . . .	1,430 35
Paid for Furniture, . . . . .	5,286 97
Paid for finishing House, . . . . .	21,881 31
Paid for repairs of Colonnade &c. . . . .	122 76
Paid for making fire proof safes and other addi- ditions and alterations, . . . . .	2,033 37

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33,183 70

And the amount of receipts as before stated, . . . . .

31,175 86

Leaving a balance of . . . . . \$2,007 84  
due to the undersigned exclusive of his compensation as Com-  
missioner. REUEL WILLIAMS.

AUGUSTA, January 31, 1832.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

IN COUNCIL, February 4, 1832.

The Committee of Council, to which was referred the account of Reuel Williams, Esquire, Commissioner of Public Buildings, having carefully examined the same, Report:

That they find the same well vouched and correctly cast, and that he has expended in labor and materials in finishing the Public Buildings agreeably to the Bond given by the inhabitants of Augusta to the State, and according to the original plan, the sum of . . . . . 21,881 31

Amount paid to the State Treasurer to reimburse the amount advanced beyond former appropriations, and for the payment of outstanding claims on account of the Public Buildings, . . . . . 3,859 29

For making fire proof Safes in the open Hall, and other additions and alterations directed and approved by the Governor and Council,	2,033 37
For repairs of the Colonnade flooring, &c.	122 76
For amount paid for Furniture for the Building, exclusive of the Secretary's, Treasurer's and Adjutant General's Cases,	5,286 97

Amounting to the sum of \$33,183 70

It also appears by said Commissioner's accounts that he has received the following sums, viz.

On Warrants Nos. 2205 and 2206, to reimburse the Treasury and for the payment of outstanding claims on account of the Public Buildings, as per Resolve of March 18, 1831,	3,859 29
On Warrants No. 2073 and 2130, being the amount appropriated by the Resolve of March 18, 1831, to finish the Public Buildings,	25,000 00
On Warrant No. 2204, being the amount appropriated by the Resolve above referred to, to purchase Furniture,	1,575 00
On the sale of materials, &c. and for rent of State Ground,	741 57

Amounting to the sum of \$31,175 86

Leaving a balance due said Commissioner of \$2,007 84

From the foregoing statement it appears that the Commissioner has expended beyond the appropriation made for the purchase of Furniture, the sum of 3,711 97

For making fire proof Safes in the open Hall, repairing the Colonnade flooring and for other additions and alterations directed and approved by the Governor and Council, since the passage of the Resolve of March 18, 1831,	2,156 13
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Amounting to \$5,868 10

Should the State require the fulfilment of the bond given by the inhabitants of Augusta to the State, the aforesaid sum of five thousand eight hundred sixty eight dollars and ten cents will be due said Commissioner, who will then have in his hands the sum of three thousand eight hundred sixty dollars and twenty six cents, to be expended in completing the Public Buildings, &c. agreeably to the requirements of the Bond aforesaid.

Which is respectfully submitted.

HEZ. PRINCE, *Per Order.*

IN COUNCIL, February 4, 1832.

THIS REPORT, on being read, was accepted by the Council, and by the Governor approved.

Attest, R. G. GREENE, *Secretary of State.*  
 A true copy,  
 Attest, R. G. GREENE, *Secretary of State.*

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### Chapter 117.

Resolves in favor of the Commissioner of Public Buildings.

Approved March 9, 1832.

*Resolved,* That there be paid to Reuel Williams Commissioner of Public Buildings out of the Treasury of the State the sum of two thousand one hundred and fifty six dollars and thirteen cents in full for the expenses of fire proof safes and other additions, alterations, and repairs by him made in said building, as directed by the Governor and Council and not provided for in former appropriations.

*Resolved,* That there be paid to said Commissioner from said Treasury the sum of three thousand seven hundred and eleven dollars and ninety seven cents to reimburse that sum by him expended for furniture for said buildings, beyond the sum heretofore appropriated for that purpose; and that there be paid him the further sum of six hundred eighty nine dollars and fourteen cents for three mahogany cases obtained for the offices of the Adjutant General, Treasurer and Secretary of State.

*Resolved,* That said Commissioner be allowed and paid from the Treasury of the State the further sum of eight hundred dollars in full for all services by him hitherto rendered, in the discharge of the duties of said office.

*Resolved,* That the Commissioner of Public Buildings, until the farther order of the Legislature, shall have the charge and superintendence of said Buildings—shall cause the unoccupied rooms thereof, to be cleared, and kept in neat condition, and shall have power to repair and replace any articles of Furniture, which may have been injured or destroyed, and to preserve the buildings and furniture in good condition, so that the same may be fit for the reception of the next Legislature.