

# 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.

**MESSAGES**  
**OF THE GOVERNOR.**

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*To the Senate and House of Representatives:*

I herewith transmit for the consideration of the Legislature the Report of Edwin Smith, John Spear and John O'Brien, the Inspectors of the State Prison at Thomaston.

SAMUEL E. SMITH.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, }  
January 24, 1832. }

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*To the Senate and House of Representatives:*

The Secretary of State will herewith lay before you the Report of Ashur Ware and Abiel Wood, the Commissioners appointed to inquire into and examine the doings and transactions of the several incorporated Banks in this State, and to ascertain the condition of the same, agreeably to the provisions of the "Act to regulate Banks and Banking."

SAMUEL E. SMITH.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, }  
January 26, 1832. }

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*To the Senate and House of Representatives:*

I herewith transmit for the information of the Legislature the Report and account of the Agent to superintend and manage the sale and settlement of the Public Lands.

The Secretary of State will also lay before you the Report of John G. Deane and Edward Kavanagh appointed to ascertain the number of persons settled on the public lands North of the line running West of the Monument, the manner in which they

respectively hold the same, and to report all the facts which will be for the interest of the State to enable them to adopt some mode of quieting the settlers in their possession.

SAMUEL E. SMITH.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, }  
January 31, 1832.

*To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:*

In compliance with the request of the House of Representatives to be furnished with the information that may be in my possession in relation to the Acts and doings of the Managers and others acting by virtue of the laws authorizing certain Lotteries in this State, I herewith transmit a copy of the Report of the Council made on the 31st day of December last in relation to the accounts and proceedings of the Managers of the Cumberland and Oxford Canal Lottery, and also a copy of a communication from the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, who were requested by the Council to give an opinion upon certain questions of law which arose in course of the investigation.

A Copy of this Report has been communicated to the Managers of the Lottery and S. H. Mudge who claims to be a party interested has replied through his attorney by a petition, a copy of which is herewith transmitted.

The Lottery for the benefit of a Bridge at Sullivan's Ferry was granted by the Legislature, March 7, 1826, and by sundry reports of the Council subsequently made it appears that the Managers had in the opinion of the Council of 1827, exceeded the amount authorized to be raised by this Lottery by the sum of \$538 76, and by a resolve of the Legislature of that year, the Treasurer of the State was directed to cause the bond of the Managers to be put in suit and prosecuted to final judgment. The decision of the Court was in favor of the Managers and they proceeded to draw other Classes of the Lottery by which the sum of \$826 33 was raised, exclusive of the twenty five per cent. allowed the Managers as compensation for their services.

The Lottery for the encouragement of Steam Navigation in this State was granted by the Act of March 7, 1826, to Seward Porter to raise the sum of twenty five thousand Dollars, and said Porter subsequently assigned all his right and interest therein to Samuel Porter. Forty three classes of this Lottery conducted upon what is called the combination system have been drawn and presented for settlement, by which the sum of \$9,770 49 has been raised for the benefit of the parties interested.

The books and accounts of the respective Managers of these several Lotteries, detailing the proceedings and results of the

drawings of the numerous classes together with the reports of the Council thereon are very voluminous and would require the labor of many Clerks for a long time to prepare copies of them all. But the originals are in the Office of the Secretary of State open to the inspection of any member of the Legislature who may wish to examine them, and copies of such portions of them as may be considered necessary to communicate the desired information will be furnished on request.

SAMUEL E. SMITH.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, }  
Feb'y 1, 1832. }

*To the Senate and House of Representatives:*

I have received from His Excellency, the Governor of Massachusetts the accompanying copy of a Report, Preamble and Resolves, adopted by the General Court of that Commonwealth, expressing its sentiments in reference to the contested line of the Northeastern Boundary of the United States, the opinion and recommendation of His Majesty the King of the Netherlands thereon, and the rights of Massachusetts and Maine, which would be affected by that recommendation.

A copy of the Report of Gorham Parks, the Agent appointed to communicate to the Government of Massachusetts the Resolves of this Legislature relating to that subject, is also herewith transmitted.

By these documents it appears that the Agent has effected the object of his mission, and discharged the duties incidentally connected therewith, in a prompt and satisfactory manner.

It cannot but be highly gratifying to the Legislature and people of this State to learn the readiness and cordiality with which our Parent Commonwealth has complied with the request of this Government by co-operating with us in the adoption of measures calculated to effect a favorable decision of the question respecting our Northeastern Boundary now pending before the Government of the United States. The friendly sentiments expressed in these Resolves of the General Court of Massachusetts will tend to strengthen and confirm the harmony and good understanding, which, it is hoped, will ever continue to exist between the two States.

SAMUEL E. SMITH.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, }  
February 20, 1832. }

*To the Senate and House of Representatives:*

Having received and accepted the resignation of Joseph Chandler, Major General of the second Division of the Militia of this State, I now make known to the two Houses of the Legislature that a vacancy exists in the office of Major General of that Division.

SAMUEL E. SMITH.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, }  
February 28, 1832. }