

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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RESOLVES

OF THE

FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED AT THE SESSION

WHICH COMMENCED ON THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, AND ENDED ON
THE THIRTEENTH DAY OF MARCH, ONE THOUSAND EIGHT
HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FOUR.

PUBLISHED AGREEABLY TO THE RESOLVE OF JUNE 28, 1820.

AUGUSTA:

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

1834.

Chapter 26.

Resolve in favor of Nathaniel Stevens.

Approved February 28, 1834.

Resolved, That there be paid out of the Treasury of this State to Nathaniel Stevens of Belfast, the sum of Twenty Two Dollars, which sum is to be in full of all claims the said Stevens has against the State for the rent of land on which the Gun House in said town stands.

Chapter 27.

Resolve for the aid of the Deaf and Dum.

Approved February 28, 1834.

Resolved, That there be appropriated out of the Treasury of the State, a sum not exceeding One Thousand Dollars annually during the pleasure of the Legislature, from the twenty third day of February eighteen hundred and thirty four, for the instruction and education of the indigent Deaf and Dumb in this State, to be expended by the Governor and Council, at their discretion, for defraying, in whole or in part, according to the necessities of such as may make application, the expense of placing at the American Asylum, such Deaf and Dumb persons, as may appear the most proper subjects for education at said Institution. And the Governor and Council are further empowered, at their discretion, to cause such clothing to be furnished for the indigent Deaf and Dumb, as may require such aid, not however to exceed the value of Fifty Dollars a year for any individual.

Chapter 28.

Resolve establishing a Board of Internal Improvements.

Approved February 28, 1834.

Resolved, That the Governor and Land Agent of this State for the time being, and the Commissioners to be appointed as hereinafter provided, be and hereby are consti-

tuted a Board of Internal Improvements for the State of Maine, for the purposes and with the powers hereinafter named. The Governor with the advice and consent of the Council shall appoint three men of intelligence, integrity and sound judgment for Commissioners aforesaid, to be selected from different sections of the State, as follows: one from the Western, one from the Middle, and one from the Eastern section of the State. The Commissioners shall be appointed to hold their offices for two years, subject to be removed at the pleasure of the Governor and Council, and each Commissioner shall receive as compensation, in full for his services and expenses, the sum of Four Dollars per day each day he is engaged. No single Commissioner, however, shall receive a larger sum than Four Hundred Dollars for his services for one year; nor shall any person during the term for which he was appointed be engaged directly or indirectly in purchasing wild lands or timber. It shall be the duty of said Commissioners, or such of them as by a vote of the board shall be authorized, to explore and examine the great water courses of the State, and also different parts of the State where it may be supposed that Canals, Roads, Railroads or other important Internal Improvements may be made for the benefit of the State. And for this purpose the board shall be authorized to employ a Civil Engineer and necessary assistants. And it shall be the duty of the Commissioners to make report of their doings, with plans of the surveys they have made, together with estimates of the cost of the improvements they recommend, at the commencement of each session of the Legislature. *Provided, however,* That the Governor and Land Agent shall not be required to act on any exploring Committee, nor receive any compensation for their services. The Governor shall be President of the Board. No application to the State for pecuniary aid, shall hereafter be sustained by the Legislature, for a Canal, Road, Railroad or other Internal Improvement until the subject shall have been examined by the Board of Internal Improvements, and that Board has reported to the Legislature thereon, stating the advantage or necessity of such work, and the probable amount it will cost to execute it. The Board shall have power to employ a Secretary and adopt such rules and regulations, not repugnant to the laws of this State, as are necessary and convenient for conducting the affairs of the Board. The sum of Three Thousand One Hundred Dollars is hereby appropriated to defray the expenses of said Board

for the current year ; and the Governor is authorized to draw his warrant on the Treasurer for the above sum, or such part thereof as shall be required, to be paid from any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Chapter 29.

Resolve respecting the State Prison.

Approved February 28, 1834.

Resolved, That the Governor by and with the advice of the Council be and hereby is authorized to appoint one or more persons not exceeding three, to visit the State Prison at Thomaston, to investigate the conduct of its officers and all the offices and affairs of the Institution, and report to the Governor and Council with all reasonable despatch the result of their investigation. And also their opinion, what, if any, reform or improvement can be made in the Prison—Said Agent or Agents to be paid out of the Treasury from any moneys not otherwise appropriated, such sum for their services as shall appear to the Governor and Council just—And the Governor by and with the advice and consent of the Council is hereby authorized to draw his warrant on the Treasurer for such amount as shall be allowed said Agent or Agents.

Chapter 30.

Resolve in favor of Sewall Prescott.

Approved February 28, 1834.

Resolved, That there be paid out of the State Treasury the sum of One Hundred and Five Dollars and Sixty Cents to Sewall Prescott, in full for balance due him as Agent for superintending the making of the Canada Road.