

RESOLVES

OF THE

FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE,

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED AT THE SESSION

Which commenced on the seventh day of January, and ended on the twenty-fourth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-five.

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STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 14, 1835.

The Joint Select Committee to whom was referred the Order of January 16, 1835, directing them to enquire into the expediency of granting to the Secretary of State a sum in full for his personal services Clerk hire and all other expenses of his office have attended to the duty assigned them, and ask leave to Report:

That they have devoted as much time as their other duties would permit to an examination of the Records of the Department of State, embracing the several volumes of Registers and Journals of Council Records of Appointments, &c., together with the Volumes of engrossed Laws and Resolves with a view to ascertain the amount of labor necessary to a correct performance of the duties pertaining to the office of Secretary of State.—The Secretary politely gave his personal attention to the Committee and offered them every facility in the performance of their duty; and on examination they feel much pleasure in reporting, that they found the numerous Volumes in the Department in the most perfect order and elegantly kept. And exceeding in neatness and accuracy as they do any other Records which they have seen, the Committee do not hesitate to pronounce them highly creditable to that officer as well as to the State. As the amount of labor must necessarily vary as it has done in past years according to the length of the sessions and the amount of business perfected by the Legislature, engrossing the Laws and Resolves being done under the direction of the Secretary of State; the care of the State's Library; the delivery of the Laws and Reports to members of the Legislature and others for the several towns, the time necessary in attending to persons wishing to examine the Records, in making copies, &c., no specific sum can in the opinion of the Committee, be fixed upon as the proper compensation for the performance of all the duties of the Office.

The Committee therefore report: That legislation upon that subject is inexpedient.

NATHANIEL CLARK, Chairman.

STATE OF MAINE.

Secretary of State's Office, AUGUSTA, July 11, 1835.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That the Resolves contained in this Pamphlet have been compared with the originals deposited in this Office; and that they appear to have been correctly printed.

ASAPH R. NICHOLS, Secretary of State.

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