

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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RESOLVES

OF THE

SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED AT THE SESSION

Which commenced on the sixth day of January, and ended on the fifth day of April,
one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six.

PUBLISHED AGREEABLY TO THE RESOLVE OF JUNE 28, 1820.

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1836.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, March 31, 1836.

The Joint Select Committee to whom was referred certain "Resolves concerning the North Eastern Territory of the United States claimed by Great Britain" passed by the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts the fourteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty six, and communicated by the Governor of this State to this Legislature March 23d, 1836, have had the same under consideration and ask leave to report the following Resolves.

LEVI JOHNSON, Chairman.

Chapter 81.

Resolves concerning the North Eastern Territory of the United States claimed by Great Britain.

Approved April 1, 1836.

RESOLVED, That the Legislature of the State of Maine entertains the same opinion expressed by preceding Legislatures in relation to the right of Maine to the Territory in dispute and a strong solicitude for the proper and speedy adjustment of their North Eastern Boundary, and will unite with Massachusetts in all *suitable* measures calculated to produce a favorable result.

RESOLVED, HOWEVER, That inasmuch as a Minister of the highest grade has been recently appointed by Great Britain to the United States, and has already arrived; and a minister of like grade has also been appointed by the United States to Great Britain; and it is consequently probable that the negotiations in regard to this Boundary will be resumed either here or there, it is inexpedient to act on this subject at this time, but that it be referred to the next Legislature.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 30, 1836.

The Joint Standing Committee on the State Prison, to whom were referred so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the State Prison, with the accompanying documents, the report of the Warden and Inspectors of said Prison, the report of the Commissioners authorized by the Governor and Council to

investigate the Penitentiaries of New York and Pennsylvania and other States, and the order to inquire into the expediency of prohibiting the Warden of the State Prison from entering into trade or commerce, have attended to the duties assigned them, and ask leave to make the following report:

That by schedules presented to the Committee, there was due to the State, on demand, in possession of the Warden, October 31, 1834, as follows:

On Accounts,	\$3,150 81
On Notes,	5,263 00
On Bank Certificates,	3,399 94
Due for articles sold the past year, per Report of the Warden, February 15, 1836.	2,057 34
Due from the Warden as settled by Inspectors,	2,256 16
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	\$13,274 82

Leaving a balance of demands and cash in the hands of the Warden of \$13,274 82; of this sum \$1,231 90 is reported by the Warden to have been received in cash, and \$2,256 16 reported as due from the Warden on settlement of his accounts by the Inspectors.

Your Committee further report, that the Stock on hand at the Prison, belonging to the State, is as follows, as by report October 31, 1835.

In the Stone Department, stock and tools,	4,182 78
“ Lime “ “ “	275 50
“ Shoemakers’ “ “ “	1,399 20
“ Wheelwright “ “ “	1,421 73
“ Blacksmith “ “ “	1,692 01
Other Departments,	150 17
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	\$8,521 39

The salaries of Officers, excepting the Warden, have been paid by the State, amounting to \$3,433 34.

Thus it appears that there are demands and cash in the hands of the Warden to the amount of \$13,274 82, after deducting debts due from the Prison, adding the amount of the Stock on hand of \$8,521 39, the total will be \$21,796 21.

A large proportion of the notes and accounts is believed by your Committee to be collectable.

By a resolve of 1835, the Warden was directed to collect the debts due the Prison. Little attention appears to have been paid to the Resolve.

The practice of giving credit at the prison for articles sold appears not to be authorized by law, and is believed by your Committee to be injurious to the best interests of the institution.

Your Committee have had under particular consideration the subject of the location of the present Prison, and as the

subject of removal from its present location to one affording greater facilities for the working of Granite, has been brought before the public by Commissioners appointed the last year, we conceive it our duty to say it is the opinion of a majority of the Committee, that the Prison should not be removed at the present time, but that some change be made in the system of carrying it on.—We, on inquiry, find the hammering of Granite and disposing of the same, to be to the State a losing business, and recommend a discontinuance of the business in all its branches. We find also, from others than those who are employed in the making and vending of Lime, that should this business be enlarged, it would be of interest to the State.

The subject of letting the Prison and all appertaining thereto, to a competent person for a term of years, was duly considered by the Committee—and they are persuaded that the State could let the Prison to a competent person and thereby save all expense to the State, excepting that of Inspectors; and it is recommended that such measures as may be deemed necessary to effect this object, may be taken prior to the expiration of the present incumbent's term as Warden. And it is the opinion of the Committee, that the subject of the removal of the State Prison from Thomaston, and the adoption of a new system of discipline, should be referred to the next Legislature. We deem these subjects matters of great importance, but the large amount of business at the present session, precludes a full and ample enquiry into them. We hope they will receive that attention from the next Legislature which their importance demands.

For the several objects herein contemplated, your Committee ask leave to recommend the passage of the accompanying Resolves.

All which is respectfully submitted.

WM. BUXTON, Per Order. ®

Chapter 82.

Resolves concerning the State Prison.

Approved April 2, 1836.

RESOLVED, That the Governor with advice of Council be authorized to appoint three discreet and suitable persons to proceed to the State Prison at the expiration of the appointment of the present Warden, and to take an inventory of all property of every kind belonging to the State, and estimate the same at the true value thereof, and the same duly certify and deposit in the office of the Secretary of State, before the meeting of the next Legislature.

RESOLVED, That the Governor with advice of Council be authorized to take such measures, as may seem to be for the interest of the State for the more speedy collection and final settlement of the demands due the State, in the hands of the Warden, also the disposing of such property of every description as may not be wanted for the use of Prison.

Additional Roll of Accounts, No. 17.

The Committee on Accounts having examined the several accounts referred ask leave to present the following Report: That there is now due to the several persons, cities, towns and plantations hereinafter mentioned the sums set to their names respectively, which when allowed and paid will be in full discharge of said accounts to the several dates therein named.

Which is respectfully submitted.

S. MILDRAM, Per Order.

Military Accounts.

COURTS MARTIAL AND ENQUIRY.

1835. Carr, Benjamin for inquiry in case of Lieutenant Hiram Wing,	5 92
“ Smith, Wendell P. for enquiry in case of Capt. Jacob Coburn,	16 88
	<u>\$22 80</u>

AIDS-DE-CAMP TO MAJOR GENERAL.

1835. Bray, Israel R. Aid and Orderly Officer, 8th Div.	20 00
“ Stevens, Joseph C. Aid and Orderly Officer, 3d Div.	20 00
	<u>\$40 00</u>

AIDS-DE-CAMP TO BRIGADIER GENERALS.

1835. Crosby, William Aid and orderly officer, 2d Brig. 3d Div.	20 00
“ Shaw, John Aid and orderly officer, 1st Brig. 6th Div.	11 66
	<u>\$31 66</u>