

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# RESOLVES

OF THE

## NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

# STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED AT ITS SESSION

WHICH COMMENCED ON THE SECOND DAY OF JANUARY, AND ENDED ON  
THE TWENTY-FIFTH DAY OF MARCH, ONE THOUSAND  
EIGHT HUNDRED AND THIRTY-NINE.

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PUBLISHED AGREEABLY TO THE RESOLVE OF JUNE 23, 1820.

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AUGUSTA:  
SMITH & ROBINSON, PRINTERS TO THE STATE.

1839.

**Chapter 107.**

Resolve in favor of Jeremiah Smith.

*Approved March 23, 1839.*

RESOLVED, That there be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of the State to Jeremiah Smith, the sum of six dollars, which sum shall be in full for his services as Sexton in attending the funeral and entombing of Charles Waterhouse, late Clerk of the House of Representatives.

**Chapter 108.**

Resolve relating to the Public Domain.

*Approved March 23, 1839.*

RESOLVED, That the Public Lands, having been acquired, either by purchase out of the common funds of the Union, or by cession to be held as a common fund, belong to the States, not in severalty, but in their confederated capacity; and that the appropriation of the proceeds of the Public Lands to the support of the Federal Government, best effectuates their true purpose as a common fund, by relieving the States from an equivalent taxation.

RESOLVED, That the Public Domain, having been wrested from the British Crown, by the toil and blood of our revolutionary patriots and soldiers, belongs as a just, honorable and equal inheritance, to all their descendants, whether situated in the old or new States; and that while the people of Maine, however willing to consent to the cession of the Public Lands to the States in which they lie, upon just and equitable terms, can never recognize the exclusive right of those States to the property or dominion of the Public Domain, they at the same time repudiate and disavow, any assumption of a title on the part of the original thirteen States, to a partial division of the Public Lands, as unfounded, impracticable and injurious.

RESOLVED, That the policy of confining the sale of the Public Lands to actual settlers, would be eminently republican in its tendencies, by checking the dangerous speculations of grasping monopolist, by preventing the formation of a landed aristocracy, by increasing the num-

ber of our independent yeomanry, who are at once, the pride and reliance of the country, and by securing to honest and provident labor, for ages to come, the opportunity of acquiring upon easy terms, the enjoyments and blessings of a freehold possession of the soil.

RESOLVED, That the Governor be requested to forward a copy of these Resolutions to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress, and also to each Executive of the several States, for such disposition as they may consider proper.

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### Chapter 109.

Resolve providing for the distribution of the Report of the Geological Survey.

*Approved March 23, 1839.*

RESOLVED, That copies of Dr. Jackson's Report of his Geological Survey, made the past season, be distributed in like way and manner as those of the last year.

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### Chapter 110.

Resolve in relation to the State Library.

*Approved March 23, 1839.*

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be, and he hereby is authorized and directed to call upon all persons who have taken, and have now in their possession, any books belonging to the State Library, which were charged to them previous to the passage of an Act, entitled "An Act relating to the State Library," to return such books forthwith to the office of the Secretary of State—and every person having any such books, who shall neglect or refuse to return them, for the space of thirty days, after having been notified as above, shall be liable to pay the cost of such book or books in money, to be recovered by the Secretary of State in an action of debt in any Court proper to try the same.