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ACTS AND RESOLVES,

PASSED BY THE

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

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posed to interfere with the domestic institutions of Georgia, or any other State, in violation of law, or who are disposed to obstruct the public authorities in the strictest performance of the constitutional obligation to deliver up fugitives from justice, be the offence what it may, the number is extremely limited. I am persuaded that the present apparent feeling in our sister State, will soon yield to juster views; and that no root of bitterness will be permitted to spring up between the two States, tending permanently to affect the peaceful and friendly relations that ought ever to subsist between the different members of our great confederacy, and which, I am confident, the citizens of this State are disposed assiduously and sincerely to cultivate.

I shall communicate with you further, by special message, as circumstances may require, during the progress of the session—a session, which I hope may prove to be both pleasant to yourselves and abundantly promotive of the best interests of the State.

JOHN FAIRFIELD.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, }
January 3, 1840. }

To the Senate and House of Representatives :

The Inspectors of the State Prison having made their Report to this Department, a copy of the same is herewith laid before you.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, } JOHN FAIRFIELD.
January 13, 1840. }

To the Senate and House of Representatives :

I herewith lay before you a communication from Daniel Brent, Esq. United States Consul at Paris, with the project of a law providing for the acknowledgment of deeds of conveyance of real estate and other property situate in this State, by persons residing abroad. The necessity for

some enactment upon the subject is obvious, and the draft of a law herewith communicated appears to be unobjectionable.

I also lay before you agreeably to the request of the Governor of the State of Missouri certain resolutions adopted by the Legislature of that State, in relation to the Public Lands.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, }
January 14, 1840. }

JOHN FAIRFIELD.

To the Senate and House of Representatives :

I herewith lay before you the Report of William D. Williamson, Esq. one of the Commissioners appointed "to inquire into and examine the doings and transactions of the several incorporated Banks in this State," under the Act of March 31st, 1831.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, }
January 17, 1840. }

JOHN FAIRFIELD.

To the House of Representatives :

I herewith lay before you a statement of P. C. Johnson, Esq. Secretary of State, furnishing the information called for by an order of the House of Representatives, January 28th, in regard to the expenditure of the contingent fund placed at the disposal of the Governor and Council.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, }
Jan. 29, 1840. }

JOHN FAIRFIELD.

To the Senate and House of Representatives :

By the request of the Governor of the State of New Jersey, I herewith lay before you certain Resolves adopted by the Council and General Assembly of that State, relative to the late proceedings of the House of Representatives at Washington, by which certain persons claiming a right to seats in that body were excluded therefrom.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, }
January 30, 1840. }

JOHN FAIRFIELD.

MESSAGES OF THE GOVERNOR.

To the Senate and House of Representatives :

By the request of the Governor of the State of Vermont, I herewith lay before you certain Resolutions adopted by the Legislature of that State relating to the disposal of the public lands of the United States.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, }
February 1, 1840. }

JOHN FAIRFIELD.

To the House of Representatives :

In answer to an order of the House of Representatives of the 3d instant, requesting the Governor to furnish the House with "the copies of such correspondence as has taken place between the Governor and Council and the Warden of the State Prison in relation to the collection of debts due said Prison," I would inform the House, I am not aware that any such correspondence has taken place. A letter from Benjamin Carr, Esq. the present Warden, addressed to J. Goodwin, Esq. Treasurer of State, relative to the accounts of John O'Brien, Esq. late Warden, which was referred to the Governor and Council and some action had thereon, will be transmitted to the House of Representatives, by the Secretary of State, under another order.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, }
February 5, 1840. }

JOHN FAIRFIELD.

To the House of Representatives :

In compliance with an order of the House of Representatives of the 5th instant, I herewith communicate the statement of Philip C. Johnson, Esq. Secretary of State, exhibiting the items of the expenditure of the contingent fund placed at the disposal of the Governor and Council for the year 1838.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, }
February 6, 1840. }

JOHN FAIRFIELD.

To the Senate and House of Representatives :

The Land Agent having this day communicated to the Governor and Council the Report of Ira Fish, Esq. Agent for the Aroostook Road south of the Aroostook river, the same is herewith laid before you.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, }
February 12, 1840. }

JOHN FAIRFIELD.

To the Senate and House of Representatives :

Agreeably to the request of the Governor of the State of South Carolina, I herewith lay before you a Report and Resolutions adopted by the Legislature of that State in relation to the refusal by the authorities of this State to deliver up, on the demand of the authorities of the State of Georgia, certain persons alleged to be fugitives from justice from the latter State.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, }
Feb. 20, 1840. }

JOHN FAIRFIELD.

To the House of Representatives :

In compliance with an order of the House of Representatives of the 19th instant, I herewith lay before you a statement of the Secretary of State, accompanied by the accounts of John G. Deane and Charles S. Davies, Esquires, named in said order.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, }
Feb. 21, 1840. }

JOHN FAIRFIELD.

To the Senate and House of Representatives :

Major General Joseph S. Jewett of the Fifth Division and Major General Isaac Hodsdon of the Third Division of the Militia, having held their respective offices for the term of seven years, have been honorably discharged. Vacancies therefore exist in those offices, to the filling of which, your attention is respectfully requested.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, }
Feb. 25, 1840. }

JOHN FAIRFIELD.

To the House of Representatives :

The accounts of Abner B. Thompson, as Acting Quarter Master General, and as Acting Pay Master General, passed upon by the Governor and Council December 31, 1839, are herewith transmitted, in compliance with an order of the House of the 9th instant.

The payment to J. L. Child, Esq. does not fall under either branch of the order, not having been made by Gen-

eral Thompson, but understanding, informally, that a statement of that is also desired, it is herewith annexed.

For personal services in purchasing provisions,	
clothing, &c., for troops,	\$42 00
For expenses on journey to Boston for above	
purpose,	59 00

COUNCIL CHAMBER, }
March 10, 1840. }

JOHN FAIRFIELD.

To the House of Representatives :

In compliance with an order of the House of Representatives of the 16th instant, I herewith transmit copies of the correspondence I have had with the President of the United States "not heretofore communicated, touching the question of the Northeastern Boundary." Copies of the Report of Benjamin Wiggin, Esq. and of the depositions of Messrs. Varnum, Bartlett and Little, also herewith communicated, will furnish the information requested in the last branch of the order.

In compliance with another order of the House of Representatives of the same date, I lay before you a statement of the Secretary of State, exhibiting "a list of the warrants drawn in favor of the Adjutant General and Quarter Master General and Land Agent, with the amount of each and the date thereof, during the year 1839.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, }
March 17, 1840. }

JOHN FAIRFIELD.