

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES,

PASSED BY THE

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

JANUARY SESSION, 1841.

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Chapter 194.

RESOLVE on the Pay Roll of the House of Representatives.

Resolved, That there be allowed and paid, out of the treasury of this State, to the several persons named in the Pay Roll of the House of Representatives, of the twenty-first Legislature of the State of Maine, the sums set against their respective names on said Pay Roll, amounting to forty-one thousand three hundred and twenty-three dollars and ten cents.

[Approved April 17, 1841.]

Chapter 195.

RESOLVE in favor of Willard Brackett and another.

Resolved, That there be paid, out of the treasury of this State, to Elisha Keene, nine dollars, and to Willard Brackett, four dollars and fifty cents, in full for three days' labor setting the Senate Chamber in order, at the commencement of this session.

Elisha Keene \$9.
Willard Brackett \$4 50.

[Approved April 17, 1841.]

Chapter 196.

RESOLVE in favor of Amasa T. Ellis.

Resolved, That there be paid, out of the treasury of this State, to Amasa T. Ellis, thirty-five dollars, in part pay for his services as assistant messenger of this House.

A. T. Ellis \$35.

[Approved April 17, 1841.]

Chapter 197.

RESOLUTIONS in relation to the Currency.

Resolved, That the policy of this country, in public and private financial matters, has always been to maintain a mixed money of paper and metals, the latter forming the basis of the former; that bank paper

convertible into specie at the pleasure of the holder, is a safe and convenient currency; and any change of policy tending to substitute an entire metallic currency would be injurious in its effects and impracticable in its execution.

Resolved, That for the interests of the whole community, as well as for the purposes of the treasury, it is essential that the nation should possess a currency of uniform value, credit and use, wherever it may circulate; that the Constitution has intrusted Congress exclusively with the power of creating and regulating a currency of this description; and that measures should be taken by Congress in execution of this power, to relieve the country from the evils and embarrassments of the present deranged condition of the currency, by establishing one equally useful to the people and to the government and of uniform value and credit in every State in the Union.

Resolved, That the Act of Congress in relation to the collection, keeping and disbursement of the public money, approved on the fourth day of July last, commonly denominated the Independent or Sub-Treasury Act, was uncalled for by the people, and is against the genius of our free institutions, tending to substitute a metallic for our present mixed currency, and ought forthwith to be repealed.

Resolved, That if the alternative is necessarily presented of a national bank, with all the restrictions that a people jealous of their liberties would require in such an institution, and the existing sub-treasury system, we are in favor of the former and opposed to the latter.

Resolved, That we deprecate a national debt and direct taxation in time of peace to provide means to defray the ordinary expenditures of the general government: that there should be a revision and adjustment of the tariff so as at once to furnish a revenue equal to the necessary expenditures and to encourage and protect American Industry.

Resolved, That a bill providing for a just and equal distribution of the proceeds of the public lands among the several States commends itself to our consideration as an act of justice due alike to all, and ought to pass into a law.

Resolved, That the Hon. Reuel Williams, previous to his election to the Senate of the United States, having declared and published, that it is the duty of the elected to carry into effect the will of his constituents, if he is instructed what that will is, or resign his trust, we, therefore, hereby instruct him that the foregoing resolutions express the will of his constituents.

Resolved, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be requested to vote for any bill or proposition now before Congress calculated to carry into effect the principles contained in the foregoing resolutions; and to introduce and support such measures as shall accomplish the same object, if not now before Congress.

Resolved, That the Governor be requested to transmit a copy of the foregoing resolutions to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress from this State.

STATE OF MAINE.

SENATE, MARCH 30, 1841.

The Joint Select Committee upon the state of the north-eastern boundary, to whom were referred so much of the Governor's Address as relates to that subject, and also the message from the late Governor, communicating his correspondence with the Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick and the President of the United States, together with certain resolutions of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, transmitted by the late Governor to the Legislature, at the late adjourned session, and certain resolutions of the General Assembly of the State of Alabama, and certain resolutions of the Legislature of Maryland just transmitted by the Governor at the present session, and also certain resolves, originating in the