

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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**RESOLVES**

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CHAP. 101.

day of April, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty one, as relates to the aggregate valuation of the counties of Penobscot, Piscataquis and Aroostook, and so much of said resolve as relates to the aggregate valuation of the state and numbers of polls in the state, be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

[*Approved March 18, 1842.*]

### Chapter 102.

Resolves in relation to the public lands.

In relation to the distribution of the proceeds of the public lands.

*Resolved*, That the only sure safeguard of the liberties of the people, is the rigid abstinence by congress from the exercise of all powers, not expressly granted by the constitution, or which are not clearly necessary to carry them into effect, and that the assumption of powers upon loose and vague implications, is directly calculated to change a government, intended to be one of defined limits, into an unbridled and all pervading despotism.

*Resolved*, That we have witnessed with consternation and alarm, an assumption of power in congress, at its late extra session, in passing an act distributing the proceeds of the sales of our public domain among the states of this union, subversive of the principles of our free institutions, and having an obvious and inevitable tendency to transform our republican system of government into one of arbitrary and consolidated powers.

*Resolved*, That our senators in congress be instructed, and our representatives be earnestly solicited, to exert their influence to procure an immediate repeal of the act of congress above mentioned.

*Resolved*, That the governor be requested to transmit copies of these resolutions to the president of the United States, to the governors of the several states, and also to each of our senators and representatives in congress.

[*Approved March 18, 1842.*]

### Chapter 103.

Resolve in relation to the state library.

*Resolved*, That the superintendent of the insane hospital have the privilege of taking such books from the state library as he may deem necessary for the use of that institution, subject to the general library rules and regulations.