

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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# RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

## LEGISLATURE OF MAINE, AT THE EXTRA SESSION,

1842.

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### Chapter 110.

Resolve in relation to the state valuation.

*Resolved*, That the number of polls set to the valuation of the town of Clinton in the county of Kennebec be two hundred and seventy, and the amount of estate set against said town be one hundred, sixty two thousand, one hundred and eighty three dollars, instead of the number and sum fixed by the valuation resolve of eighteen hundred and forty one. And the valuation of the town of Sebecook in said county, be one hundred and eighty eight polls, and one hundred, thirteen thousand, six hundred and forty one dollars, as estate; and all state and county taxes shall be assessed accordingly, commencing with the present year. And this resolve shall take effect at its approval.

Valuation of  
Clinton cor-  
rected.

Valuation of  
Sebecook.

[*Approved May 25, 1842.*]

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## STATE OF MAINE.

The joint select committee of both houses of the legislature to which was referred the governor's message, of the eighteenth instant, with the accompanying communication from the secretary of state of the United States, have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to report the following preamble and resolutions.

EDWARD KAVANAGH, *Chairman.*

*Committee Room, 20th May, 1842.*

**Chapter III.**

Resolves in relation to the north eastern boundary of this state.

*Whereas* the preceding legislatures of this state, in conformity with the well settled conviction of all the people thereof, and with incontrovertible evidence before them on the subject, have uniformly declared that the boundary of Maine, on its northern and north eastern frontiers, as designated in the treaty of 1783, can be laid down and fixed according to the terms of that treaty ; and that such line embraces all the territory over which this state claims property, sovereignty and jurisdiction ; and the executive and congress of the United States having recognized the validity of that claim in its full extent, this legislature renews such declarations in the most solemn manner ; and

*Whereas*, for a series of years, every attempt to adjust the vexed questions in regard to the establishment of the said boundary having proved ineffectual, it has been represented to the government of this State that the minister plenipotentiary and special of her Britannic Majesty, at Washington, has officially announced to the government of the United States, that he has authority to treat for a conventional line, or line by agreement, on such terms and conditions, and with such considerations and equivalents as may be thought just and equitable ; and, that he is ready to enter upon a negotiation for such conventional line as soon as the government of the United States shall say that it is authorized, and ready on its part, to commence such negotiation : and,

*Whereas*, the government of the United States, not possessing the constitutional power to conclude any such negotiation without the assent of Maine, has invited the government of this State to co-operate to a certain extent, and in a certain form, in an endeavor to terminate a controversy of so long duration :

*Now*, considering the premises, and believing that the people of this state, after having already manifested a forbearance, honorable to their character, under long continued violations of their rights by a foreign nation ; and, though not disposed to yield to unfounded pretensions, are still willing, in regard to the proposal now made by the general government, to give additional evidence to their fellow citizens throughout the United States of their desire to preserve the peace of this Union, by taking measures to discuss and conclude, if possible, the subject in controversy, in a manner that will secure the honor and interests of the state ; this legislature adopts the following resolutions, with the understanding, however, that, in the event of a failure in such endeavor towards an arrangement, no proceedings thereunder shall be so construed as to prejudice in any

manner the rights of the state as they have been herein asserted to exist : CHAP. 111.

*Resolved*, That there shall be chosen, by ballot, in convention of both branches of the legislature, four persons who are hereby constituted and appointed commissioners, on the part of this state, to repair to the seat of government of the United States, and to confer with the authorities of that government touching a conventional line, or line by agreement, between the state of Maine and the British provinces, having regard to the line designated by the treaty of 1783 as uniformly claimed by this state, and to the declarations and views expressed in the foregoing preamble, and to give the assent of this state to any such conventional line, with such terms, conditions, considerations and equivalents as they shall deem consistent with the honor and interests of the state ; with the understanding that no such line be agreed upon without the unanimous assent of such commissioners.

*Resolved*, That this state cannot regard the relinquishment by the British government of any claim heretofore advanced by it to territory included within the limits of the line of this state as designated by the treaty of 1783 and uniformly claimed by Maine, as a consideration or equivalent within the meaning of these resolutions.

*Resolved*, That the said commissioners be furnished by the governor with evidence of their appointment, under the seal of the state.

*Resolved*, That the governor, by and with the advice and consent of the council, have power to fill any vacancy which may occur in said commission by death, resignation, or otherwise.

*Resolved*, That the said commissioners make return of their doings herein to the governor, to be by him presented to the legislature at its next session.

[*Approved May 26, 1842.*]

## Chapter 112.

Resolve in favor of Tobias Churchill, junior.

*Resolved*, That there be paid out of the treasury of this state, to Tobias Churchill, junior, of Anson, the sum of twenty five dollars, in full for his services as adjutant of a regiment of artillery, for the year eighteen hundred and forty one. Tobias Churchill, Jr.  
§25.

[*Approved May 27, 1842.*]