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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

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took river in township letter G, second range, northerly in the most direct and best route to the river Saint John. And he is authorized to expend thereon a sum not exceeding six thousand dollars; *provided* that the commonwealth of Massachusetts shall pay her fair and just proportion of the expense.

[*Approved February 17, 1843.*]

### Chapter 142.

Resolve in relation to bonds or securities that were to be surrendered by Great Britain to the states of Maine and Massachusetts under the late treaty.

*Resolved*, That the governor be requested to inform the president of the United States, that the government of the province of New Brunswick, are attempting to collect from citizens of this state, and others, bonds belonging to the "disputed territory fund" so called, which were given for lumber cut under permits from the states of Maine and Massachusetts, in contravention of the treaty of Washington; and request the president to remonstrate with the British minister against said proceeding, and to insist on the stipulation of the treaty which provides that any bonds or securities appertaining thereto, (the disputed territory fund) shall be paid and delivered over to the government of the United States; and to take such measures relating to the matter, as to him may seem fit, to cause the treaty stipulations to be carried into effect, that the citizens of this state may be saved any further aggravation from that source.

Relative to bonds and securities to be surrendered to Maine and Mass. by Great Britain under the late treaty.

[*Approved February 17, 1843.*]

### Chapter 143.

Resolves in favor of Amos Kendall.

*Resolved*, That, while it is the duty of a free government to protect the people from injustice and oppression, it is also bound to sustain and defend its officers and agents in an honest, firm and rigid discharge of their duties and trusts. That, while all infringements of the laws should be visited with merited punishment, reparation of injuries incurred in the conscientious and impartial performance of official functions, should be prompt and complete.

In favor of Amos Kendall.

*Resolved*, That, in the execution of his duties as postmaster general of the United States, the Hon. Amos Kendall evinced, not only talents of the highest order, but unswerving and unpurchasable

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integrity ; exalted and disinterested patriotism ; never-tiring industry and zeal for the public weal ; and eagle-eyed watchfulness of peculators and swindlers, which have never been surpassed in the history of this government, and entitle him to the gratitude of the nation.

*Resolved*, That, in resisting what he deemed to be an unjust and exorbitant claim upon the post office department, for which he is now incarcerated within the jail limits of the city of Washington, Mr. Kendall acted with a single eye to the public good, and with a deep sense of an imperative duty as a public servant.

*Resolved*, That, the rank injustice of suffering a public servant, thus meritorious, to be placed in durance, not for any defalcation or misconduct, but on account of his fidelity to the government, is a stain upon the national honor, which, as far as it can be done by congress, should be speedily erased.

*Resolved*, That our senators in congress be instructed, and our representatives requested, to exert all fair and honorable means, to have the judgment, on which the Hon. Amos Kendall is now imprisoned, for withholding his official sanction to the claim of Stockton and Stokes on the post office department, cancelled by the treasurer of the United States, and also to have the said Kendall allowed and paid, from the public treasury, the costs and expenses incurred by him in defending the suit of said Stockton and Stokes against him, together with such further sum for his damages, by reason of said suit and imprisonment, as may be a full remuneration therefor.

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted by the governor to each of the senators and representatives in congress from this state, and to the president of the senate and speaker of the house of representatives of the United States.

[*Approved February 21, 1843.*]

### Chapter 144.

Resolve repealing in part a resolve authorizing a loan in behalf of the state, approved March 11, 1841.

Resolve approved March 11, 1841, authorizing a loan, in part repealed.

*Resolved*, That all further loans under a resolve approved March 11, 1841, authorizing a loan of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars in behalf of the state, and under which, stock has been issued to the amount of one hundred and thirty three thousand dollars, be prohibited ; and said resolve, except so far as it relates to the amount already negotiated under the same, be and is hereby repealed.

[*Approved February 21, 1843.*]