

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

S T A T E O F M A I N E ,

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RESOLVES

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

1844.

CHAP. 235. the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, for an injury received while in the service of the state.
 [Approved January 31, 1844.]

Chapter 235.

Resolve in favor of Mary Annas.

In favor of Mary Annas, extension of time for payment of certain notes.

Resolved, That the land agent be, and he hereby is, authorized to extend the payment of two promissory notes, dated December fifteenth, one thousand eight hundred and forty, signed by John L. Annas, for thirty-nine dollars and twenty-five cents in cash, and one hundred and seventeen dollars, seventy-five cents, in labor on state roads, for three years from the first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-four.

[Approved January 31, 1844.]

Chapter 236.

Resolve relating to certain judicial proceedings.

Whereas the office of Lot M. Morrill, Esq., of Readfield, was consumed by fire on the night of the twenty-second of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-three, and many precepts and records therein were consumed by fire, therefore

Relative to certain papers, consumed by fire in the office of Lot M. Morrill.

Resolved, That when it shall be made to appear to the reasonable satisfaction of any clerk of courts or justice of the peace, that any execution issued from his office, was destroyed by said fire, it shall be the duty of such clerk or justice of the peace to issue another, of the same date and tenor, with the addition of fifteen cents therefor. This resolve shall take effect from and after its approval by the governor.

[Approved January 31, 1844.]

Chapter 237.

Resolve authorizing the committee on state valuation to employ clerks.

For the employment of clerks by the valuation committee.

Resolved, That the committee on state valuation be authorized to employ thirteen clerks, one of whom shall be selected by the delegation from each county in the state, and receive a compen-

sation not exceeding two dollars a day for his services, and for the time it may necessarily take to travel from and to his place of residence.

CHAP. 238.

[Approved January 31, 1844.]

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 29, 1844.

The joint standing committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred the subject respecting the French spoliations, have had the same under consideration, and

Report and resolves relative to French spoliations.

REPORT,

That the subject of the claims of the citizens of this state and other states of the union, on the United States, respecting the spoliations of the French prior to the year one thousand eight hundred, has been long before congress, reports on which favorable to the payment thereof, have from time to time been made, and as long and as often passed by without adjustment.

The subject being one at the present time on which the public have been called to take into consideration, that justice may yet be done by our general government to many of her suffering citizens in repaying to them the property so long kept from them.

The justice of the claims have been examined by various committees and always admitted by congress.

The United States ever urged on France the justice of the claims of her citizens for indemnity, and this was not denied by her. But that government brought forward counter claims, not against the claimants, but against the United States, for alleged breaches of national engagements.

The whole subject is believed now to be before congress, and no other action of this legislature is expected, than to invoke congress to adhere to that sacred regard to justice and constitutional principles, which require that private property should not be taken for public use without a full and fair indemnity.

Your committee ask leave to report the resolves which are herewith submitted.

CHARLES BRADBURY, *per order.*

Chapter 238.

Resolves respecting French spoliations prior to the year one thousand and eight hundred.

Resolved, That the government of the United States are bound, by every principle of justice and national honor, to make speedy provision for the indemnification of those, who suffered by French