

# 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 ,**

**A. D. 1844.**

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Published by the Secretary of State, agreeably to Resolves of June 28, 1820, February 26, 1840, and March 16, 1842.

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port to the secretary of war, says, that five regiments, in addition to the four or five already placed there, are necessary to afford "*reasonable security*" to the western frontier. If the presence of Indian tribes in that quarter, and other circumstances existing there, do in fact render such a measure necessary, Maine will contribute her proportion of its expense, with cheerfulness and promptitude. Much as she has suffered from the neglect of the Union, and compelled as she has been, in consequence of that neglect, to become an unwilling party to the dismemberment of her own territory, she will still be true to the instincts of patriotism.

Her representatives will vote regiments without stint, for the west, the north, the south, or wherever the honor of the country demands efforts and sacrifices. For herself, she now asks the small force of forty men, to protect her citizens from the threatened invasion of ten times that number of lawless foreigners. If she is refused, it will not be the first time that she "*has not been treated as she has endeavored to deserve.*"

In view of the facts and circumstances before stated, the committee recommend the passage of the following resolves.

HENRY W. CUNNINGHAM, *Chairman.*

### Chapter 278.

Resolves relative to the re-occupation of Fort Kent.

*Resolved*, That the occupation of Fort Kent, on the Fish river, by a detachment of the United States' troops, is necessary to the protection of the citizens and property of Maine, against foreign aggression.

Relative to the military occupation of Fort Kent.

*Resolved*, That the governor be requested to communicate a copy of this report and these resolves to the president of the United States.

[*Approved March 16, 1844.*]

### Chapter 279.

Resolve for furnishing cities, towns and plantations, with certain executive proclamations.

*Resolved*, That the secretary of state cause to be printed, and distributed to the several cities, towns and plantations in this state, organized for the payment of taxes, such a number of all executive proclamations for days of public thanksgiving and praise, and for humiliation, fasting and prayer, as he shall deem necessary; and that he cause such proclamations to be properly enclosed in wrappers, and forwarded by mail to the clerks of the several cities,

Secretary of state to distribute to the several towns and plantations certain executive blanks.

**CHAP. 280.** towns and plantations, above mentioned, prior to the day set apart in such proclamations, and as soon as practicable.

Duty of clerks of towns and plantations.

*Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of such clerks to take from the post office, at the expense of their several cities, towns and plantations, all such packages, and distribute their contents among the clergymen within their precincts, and, in case no clergymen shall be residents of such town or plantation, then it shall be the duty of the clerk to post them in some public and conspicuous situation.

[*Approved March 16, 1844.*]

### Chapter 280.

Resolves in relation to the choice of electors of president and vice president.

Relative to the choice of electors of president and vice president.

*Resolved*, That our senators in congress be instructed, and our representatives requested, to use their influence to promote the passage of a law, this present session of congress, prescribing the day for the choice of electors of president and vice president, which day shall be the same throughout the United States.

*Resolved*, That a copy of the foregoing resolution, signed by the governor, be forwarded by the secretary of state to each of our senators and representatives in congress.

[*Approved March 19, 1844.*]

### Chapter 281.

Resolves providing for an amendment to the constitution in relation to the meeting of the legislature.

Relative to amending the constitution, so as to change the sessions of the legislature from January to May.

*Resolved*, two thirds of both branches of the legislature concurring, That the constitution of this state shall be amended in the fifth section of the first part of the fourth article, by striking out the words, "the first Wednesday in January", and inserting instead thereof, the words, the second Wednesday of May; and in article fourth, part second, sections third, fourth and fifth; article fourth, part third, section first; article fifth, part first, sections second and third; article fifth, part second, section second; and article ninth, section fourth, by striking out in each of said sections, the words, "the first Wednesday of January," and inserting instead thereof, the words, the second Wednesday of May; and the provisions of the constitution shall be so amended that the period of the service