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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

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RESOLVES

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

1844.

CHAP. 311.**Chapter 311.**

Resolve for the pay roll of the house of representatives.

Pay roll of house,
\$25,383.

Resolved, That there be paid out of the treasury of this state, to the several persons named in the foregoing pay roll, the sums set against their names respectively, amounting in the whole to twenty five thousand, three hundred and eighty-three dollars.

[*Approved March 22, 1844.*]

Chapter 312.

Resolve in favor of Richard H. Tucker.

In favor of R. H.
Tucker, \$92 50.

Resolved, That there be paid out of the treasury of the state, to Richard H. Tucker, treasurer of the county of Lincoln, the sum of ninety-two dollars and fifty cents, it being for money paid out as treasurer, under order of the supreme judicial court, holden at Wiscasset, September, eighteen hundred and forty-three.

[*Approved March 22, 1844.*]

Chapter 313.

Resolve in relation to the American state papers.

Relative to A-
merican state
papers of 1832.

Resolved, That the secretary of state be authorized to deposit in the library of the Portland Athenæum, one set of the American state papers, in folio, published under the authority of congress, in eighteen hundred and thirty-two, if the directors of the Athenæum shall give satisfactory security for the safe keeping of the same, and for the return of the volumes when required. And all expenses arising under this resolve shall be paid by the Athenæum.

[*Approved March 22, 1844.*]

STATE OF MAINE.

The joint standing committee on the library to which was referred so much of the governor's message as relates to "a communication from Alexandre Vattemare in relation to the system of national exchanges proposed by him, letters from Henry Ledyard, president of the American Athenæum at Paris and from the director, secretary and treasurer

of the Museum of Natural History at Paris, together with those communications" have had the same under consideration and ask leave to

REPORT :

That by the memorial of Alexandre Vattemare addressed to the legislature of 1841, the attention of the authorities and of the people of Maine was first invited to the important subject of mutual literary and scientific exchanges with foreign countries. The obvious advantages of the system proposed by Mr. Vattemare, for the establishment of which he had then devoted his time, energies and property for thirteen years, received the favorable consideration of the legislature of 1841, and resolves were passed by that body providing for the printing of fifty additional copies of each volume of laws, resolves, and public documents, for the purpose of exchanges with foreign countries, and authorizing the governor to transmit the same for exchange to the agents of foreign countries in the United States. In pursuance of the same laudable design the legislature of 1843 provided for the annual transmission of the laws, resolves and legislative documents of this state to the American Athenæum, an institution established at Paris by citizens of the United States for the purpose of collecting information in relation to the jurisprudence, the state of society and the institutions of America.

The letter from Mr. Vattemare, now under consideration, is addressed to the governor of Maine and dated Paris, Oct. 10, 1843. It is accompanied by a printed document which he transmits in accordance with a resolution passed at a meeting of American citizens in Paris, on the 27th of March, 1843. This document contains an account of the proceedings of that meeting upon the subject of international literary exchanges, an address by Mr. Vattemare upon the literary exchanges recently made between France and the United States, reports made in the chamber of peers, and in the chamber of deputies, resolutions of the city council of Paris and various letters from ministers of France and other distinguished persons, which satisfy your committee that this system is rapidly advancing in public favor, and that it will ere long be universally regarded as an invaluable establishment for the accumulation and diffusion of knowledge, by rendering accessible at small expense, to every nation the improvements and discoveries of other nations in art, science and every branch of useful knowledge.

Mr. Vattemare says, "the documents received from the secretary of state were deposited by me, in the name of the State of Maine, in the libraries of different public establishments of Paris; and in return, our city corporation has voted, unanimously, its public documents to the state, expressing at the same time the lively sympathy of its members for the inhabitants of that state, as well as their earnest desire to see this brotherly intercourse established forever between Paris and Maine." The minister of commerce has likewise transmitted to the state a complete collection of commercial statistics of France.

CHAP. 314.

The principal purpose of the communication of Mr. Vattemare is to recommend to the State of Maine the appointment of an agent for receiving, expediting and forwarding the objects of exchange. In the same spirit of devotion to his great enterprise, which has characterised his efforts for more than fifteen years, he proposes to act himself as the agent of Maine, asking no compensation for his services, but reimbursement only for the charges of receiving, packing up, carriage, exportation and other necessary expenses.

The letter of Henry Ledyard, president of the American Athenæum, dated Paris, Oct. 13, 1843, acknowledges the receipt of the documents transmitted to that institution, and in behalf of the directors expresses to the legislature of Maine their grateful sense of the prompt and liberal manner in which their application has been met.

The letter from the director, secretary and treasurer of the Museum of Natural History dated Paris, 18th May, 1843, acknowledges the receipt, through Mr. Vattemare, of three reports on the geology of Maine, forwarded to him by this state, and expresses the thanks of the society to the authorities of Maine.

Your committee have examined the several papers submitted to them, with much interest, and are fully of opinion, that this useful system of exchanges deserves the continued attention of the United States and of the several states and institutions which have already engaged in establishing and perfecting it. They have evidence before them that a large number of maps and books designed for the State of Maine, of vastly greater value to the state than the documents for which they were sent in exchange, have as yet failed to reach our library, for want of such an agency as that proposed by Mr. Vattemare, and they recommend the passage of the resolves herewith submitted, authorizing the appointment of an agent in the city of Paris, to execute the purposes of the existing resolves of the State of Maine, to promote mutual literary and scientific exchanges with foreign countries.

All which is respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM PAINE, *per order*.

Chapter 314.

Resolve authorizing the appointment of an agent of international exchanges with foreign countries.

Resolved, That the governor with the advice and consent of the council is hereby authorized to appoint some suitable person, residing in the city of Paris, France, to be the agent of the State of Maine, for the purpose of receiving and transmitting to and from the secretary of state, all such books, documents and other objects of international exchange, as may be directed to his care in pursuance of certain "resolves to promote mutual literary and scientific exchanges with foreign countries," approved March twentieth,

Relative to the appointment of an agent for international exchanges.

eighteen hundred and forty-one, and of certain “resolves in favor of the American Athenæum,” at Paris, approved March twenty-second, eighteen hundred and forty-three.

CHAP. 315.

Governor and council authorized to audit accounts.

Resolved, That the governor and council are hereby authorized to audit and allow all necessary charges of such agent for receiving, packing up, carriage and exportation of said objects of international exchange ; provided the sum shall not exceed three hundred dollars ; and the governor is hereby authorized to draw his warrant upon the treasurer, for the payment of such charges, out of any moneys not otherwise appropriated.

[Approved March 22, 1844.]

Chapter 315.

Resolves making appropriation for military purposes.

Resolved, That there be allowed and granted for the purposes hereinafter named, the following sums, to wit :

For the erection of a gun house at Bethel, two hundred fifty dollars,	250 00	Appropriation for military purposes. Gun house at Bethel.
For alteration and repair of artillery, one hundred fifty dollars,	150 00	Repair of artillery.
For transportation and ordnance stores, one hundred dollars,	100 00	Transportation, &c.
For labor in Bangor arsenal, seventy-five dollars,	75 00	Arsenal at Bangor.
For repairing fence at Bangor arsenal, fifteen dollars,	15 00	
For labor in Portland arsenal, seventy-five dollars,	75 00	Arsenal at Portland.

The several sums aforesaid to be paid, whenever in the opinion of the governor, with the advice of the council, the public service may require it, and for the expenditure thereof, the acting quarter master general shall be accountable.

[Approved March 22, 1844.]

Chapter 316.

Resolve relative to the education of the deaf and dumb of the State of Maine.

Resolved, That the governor and council are hereby authorized to place any and all pupils, being deaf and dumb, at the American Asylum established at Hartford, in the State of Connecticut, for and during such term of time as they may judge proper, not exceeding five years for any one pupil.

[Approved March 22, 1844.]