

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

A. D. 1845.

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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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AUGUSTA:

WM. T. JOHNSON, PRINTER TO THE STATE.

1845.

RESOLVES

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

1845.

Chapter 332.

Resolves respecting the French spoliation upon American commerce.

French spoliation prior to 1800.

Resolved, That the government of the United States is bound by the highest constitutional duty, to make provision for the relief of its own citizens and their representatives, who were sufferers by the French spoliations upon American commerce prior to the year eighteen hundred.

Resolved, That the release by the United States to France, of all claim of restitution for the unlawful aggressions of that power, rested upon the grant of full and important equivalents, which have long been held and enjoyed by the United States, to the great and common benefit of the whole federal Union; and that neither honor, justice, nor wise national policy, will warrant any longer delay on the part of the general government to execute the promises of indemnity, which it thus made directly and voluntarily, in behalf of its own citizens.

Resolved, That the long period of nearly fifty years, during which the government of the United States has failed to execute its own engagements to those whose just claims were released to a foreign power for the general advantage, while it has greatly diminished the number of the original sufferers, has also greatly extended and multiplied the hardships and privations of many of the survivors, and has increased the national obligation to grant immediate relief in his behalf.

Resolved, That the number of such sufferers among the people of Maine, and the large amount of their losses, are considerations which entitle and require the legislature to call upon the general government for the fulfillment of the national promises, to a meritorious and injured class of our own fellow citizens.

Resolved, That the governor be requested to transmit these resolves to the senators and representatives of the state of Maine, in the congress of the United States, and that they be requested to urge the immediate and just action of congress on the subject.

[Approved March 13, 1845.]

Chapter 333.

Resolve in favor of Caleb Nodding.

Caleb Nodding,
\$8 per month.

Resolved, That there be paid out of the treasury of state, to Caleb Nodding, of Baring, eight dollars per month during the pleasure of the legislature, from and after the first day of January, in