

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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1845.

RESOLVES

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

1845.

Chapter 387.

CHAP. 387.

Resolve providing for repair of the military road.

Resolved, That the land agent is hereby authorized to expend a sum not exceeding seven hundred dollars, for the repair of the military road.

Repair of military road.

[Approved April 4, 1845.]

Chapter 388.

Resolves in relation to the imprisonment of Thomas W. Dorr.

Whereas, we hold that “all men are born equally free and independent, have certain natural and unalienable rights, among which are those of enjoying and defending life and liberty, acquiring, possessing and protecting property, and of pursuing and obtaining safety and happiness”; that the people are the source of all legitimate power; that all governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed; that in the people resides full and plenary power to institute government, “to alter, reform or totally change the same, whenever their safety and happiness require it;” and whereas the constitution of the United States guarantees to every state in this Union “a republican form of government,” and provides that “in all criminal prosecutions the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the state and district wherein the crime shall have been committed;” and that “no person shall be deprived of life, liberty or property, without due process of law”—therefore

Relative to the imprisonment of Thomas W. Dorr.

Resolved, That the sovereign power of a state is inherent in the people, and all free governments are founded on their authority and instituted for their benefit; that no man or set of men are entitled to supreme or exclusive privileges in the institution and support of government.

Resolved, That the sovereign power of the State of Rhode Island is inherent in the people thereof, and to them belongs the right to institute government; to change or abolish the same, as they may deem wise and proper, for their safety and happiness.

Resolved, That the constitution of Rhode Island, adopted by the people in December, eighteen hundred and forty-one, is republican in its form and was rightfully adopted by a majority of the people thereof, and thereby became the permanent law of the state, and as such was entitled to the guaranty of the United States.

Resolved, That the interference of John Tyler, president of the