

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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RESOLVES

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

1845.

CHAP. 400.

Chapter 400.

Resolves authorizing the governor to present to the general government the claim of Maine for remuneration for lands set off to claimants, under the provisions of article fourth, of the treaty of Washington.

Authorizing the governor to present to the general government, for payment, certain claims of this state.
Preamble.

Whereas, by article fourth of the treaty of Washington, it is provided that "all grants of land heretofore made by either party, within the limits of the territory which by this treaty falls within the dominions of the other, shall be held valid, ratified and confirmed to the persons in possession, under such grants, to the same extent as if such territory had by this treaty fallen within the dominions of the party by whom such grants were made;" by the ratification of which treaty, by the general government, it became the duty of Maine and Massachusetts to set off such lands and confirm such grants, as clearly come within the provisions of the article aforesaid, and

Whereas, certain resolves were passed by the legislature, and approved by the governor of Maine, on the twenty-first day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-three, authorizing the appointment of commissioners, to locate grants and determine the extent of possessory claims under the late treaty with Great Britain; by the report of which commissioners, made to the governor and council, under date of March third, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, it appeared that fifty-two thousand three hundred acres, composing the most valuable portion of the lands in the vicinity of the river St. John, have been set off to claimants, under article fourth of the treaty aforesaid, for which Maine has received no equivalent or remuneration, and

Whereas, the government of the United States, by the ratification of the treaty aforesaid, in adopting a line of boundary against which Maine had repeatedly protested by her legislature, and by her commissioners at Washington, as "involving the surrender of more territory than the avowed objects of England require; as removing our land marks from the well known and well defined boundary of the treaty of seventeen hundred and eighty-three;" and in undertaking to transfer and surrender, in addition thereto, the ownership of fifty-two thousand three hundred acres of valuable territory from its rightful proprietors, to persons claiming under grants from Great Britain, incurred in equity and good faith an obligation to remunerate the States of Maine and Massachusetts, for any pecuniary sacrifice they were required to make by authority of said treaty, therefore,

Resolved, That Maine has a just and equitable claim upon the government of the United States, for full remuneration for her pro-

portion of all lands set off to claimants, under the provisions of CHAP. 401. article fourth of the treaty of Washington; and the governor is hereby authorized and requested to present the same to the general government for adjustment and allowance.

Resolved, That the governor is hereby requested to transmit a copy of these resolves to the president of the United States.

[*Approved April 7, 1845.*]

Chapter 401.

Resolve in favor of Oakman Ford.

Resolved, That the trustees of the hospital for the insane, be directed to discharge the amount that may be due on a bond given for the support of Oakman Ford, while confined in said institution during the year 1842.

In favor of Oakman Ford.

[*Approved April 7, 1845.*]

Chapter 402.

Resolve explanatory of the resolve entitled "resolve in favor of William H. Pope and Samuel W. Pope," approved March twenty-first, eighteen hundred and forty-five.

Resolved, That the resolve aforesaid shall be so construed, as to require the state treasurer to abate on all taxes therein named, all the interest over and above six per cent. on the original assessment.

Construction of resolve of March 21, 1845, in favor of W. H. and S. W. Pope.

[*Approved April 7, 1845.*]

Chapter 403.

Resolve in favor of Rufus N. Sanborn.

Resolved, That there be paid out of the treasury of this state, to Rufus N. Sanborn, the sum of four dollars per month, for one year, from the fifth day of March, eighteen hundred and forty-five, for injuries received while doing military duty.

In favor of R. N. Sanborn.

[*Approved April 7, 1845.*]