

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

A. D. 1846.

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

Augusta:

WILLIAM T. JOHNSON,.....PRINTER TO THE STATE.

1846.

RESOLVES

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

1846.

pursuant to resolves of the legislature of said states, passed in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-five. CHAP. 475.

[Approved August 7, 1846.]

Chapter 475.

Resolve remitting certain settling duties on township number one, Indian purchase.

Resolved, That the settling duties now remaining unperformed, required by the deed of conveyance, of the following lots of land in township number one Indian purchase, to wit ; lots numbered one, thirty-six, thirty-seven, forty-three, forty-four in the mile square numbered one hundred and thirty-three, also lots numbered one hundred, one hundred and twenty-two, one hundred and twenty-seven, one hundred and twenty-eight, one hundred and twenty-nine, one hundred and thirty, one hundred and thirty-nine, one hundred and forty, one hundred and forty-three, one hundred and forty-four, one hundred and forty-five, one hundred and forty-six, one hundred and fifty-one, one hundred and fifty-three, one hundred and fifty-four, one hundred and thirty-six and one hundred and forty-nine, are hereby remitted : *provided* the present owner or owners of said lots, shall within one year from the passage of this resolve pay to the treasurer of the state any sum or sums he may be owing the state for lands in said townships.

Remitting certain settling duties on township No. 1, Indian purchase.

Proviso.

[Approved August 7, 1846.]

Chapter 476.

Resolve in favor of James Webb.

Resolved, That the land agent is authorized to convey to James Webb, lot number eighty-eight, township number eight, in the third range west from the east line of the state, drawn August the eighteenth, eighteen hundred and forty, against certificate number one hundred and fifty-five, standing in the name of Edward Webb and assigned to James Webb ; and the land agent is authorized to ascertain and pay the difference in value, if any in his opinion exists between the above said lot and lot numbered forty-eight, Indian township number two, which was first allotted to said certificate number one hundred and fifty-five ; the value of said lot number

In favor of James Webb.

CHAP. 476. forty-eight to be estimated as it was in eighteen hundred and forty-three, when conveyed by the state.

[*Approved August 7, 1846.*]

STATE OF MAINE.

REPORT of the Joint Standing Committee on the Insane Hospital, A. D. 1846.

The committee on the Insane Hospital to whom was referred so much of the governor's message as relates to the Insane Hospital, together with the reports of the trustees, treasurer, steward and superintendent of said hospital, have had the same under consideration and ask leave to submit the following

REPORT.

Your committee, in accordance with the usual custom, have made their annual visit to the hospital and have examined with much care the treatment of the patients and the various accommodations of the institution for their comfort and recovery.

The Hospital under the superintendence of Dr. Ray had attained to some distinction amongst similar institutions in our country. His popularity as a gentleman and a scholar had become associated with the hospital, and it was with feelings of regret that the friends of the institution heard of his resignation as superintendent. Yet your committee are satisfied that the hospital under the direction of the present superintendent, Dr. James Bates, fully sustains the character it had acquired under the government of Dr. Ray.

Family devotions have been established in the hospital, and many of the poor afflicted patients bow around the family altar and offer their evening and morning devotions to the great and good Parent who deigns to hear the supplications of his afflicted insane children. Religious instruction on Sabbath evenings is enjoyed by the patients, and hymns of thanksgiving are heard instead of the wailings of insanity.

The law of love and kindness appears to be the governing power in the hospital, and your committee can with much pleasure assure the legislature and the citizens of this state that they cordially approve of the parental system of government adopted by the officers of this institution, so well calculated to gain the affections of the patients, to soothe their sufferings, and restore them to the enjoyment of reason—the richest of heaven's blessings.

The trustees have purchased an elegant carriage for the accommodation of the patients, which is drawn by a span of fine horses belonging to the hospital. And the patients are frequently seen riding forth in pleasant weather, enjoying with a high zest the pure air of the morning and the rich scenery of Augusta, where the beautiful white cot-