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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

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RESOLVES

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

1847.

ERRATA:

The following leaf is inserted because one or more pages in this chapter have errors noticed and corrected here.

STATE OF MAINE.

Secretary's Office, Augusta, Dec. 25, 1847.

I hereby certify, that the acts and resolves contained in this pamphlet have been compared with the originals deposited in this office, and appear to be correctly printed, with the exceptions mentioned in the errata hereunto annexed.

EZRA B. FRENCH, Secretary of State.

ERRATA.

PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS.

Chapter 5, sect. 4, for "not" read "now"—and in sect. 11, third line from the bottom, for "requires" read "provides".

Chapter 44, sect. 4, third line, for "months of" read "months after". Chapter 74, sect. 4, second line, for "Montville" read "Waterville".

RESOLVES.

Chapter 36, fifth line, for "presentation" read "preservation".

Chapter 29, sixth line from the bottom, insert "next" before the word "legislature".

CHAP. 27. commissioners, or of any two of them, being made to the governor and council and by them accepted, shall constitute a settlement in any of those cases.

[Approved July 22, 1847.]

Chapter 27.

Resolve in favor of George W. Hackett.

In favor of Geo. W. Hackett.

Resolved, That there be paid out of the treasury of the state to George W. Hackett, the sum of fifty-three dollars and fifty-one cents in full for stumpage of timber cut on his land by Samuel L. Hunt under permit of the land agent.

[Approved July 22, 1847.]

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Chapter 28.

Resolve in favor of William A. Herrick.

In favor of Wm. A. Berrick.

Resolved, That there be paid to William A. Herrick of Greene, out of the treasury of the state five dollars per month for two years, commencing the first day of June, eighteen hundred and forty-seven, for injury received when doing military duty in the year eighteen hundred and thirty-nine.

[Approved July 22, 1847.]

Chapter 29.

Resolves providing for an amendment of the constitution in relation to pledging the credit of the state, and creating a state debt.

Relative to a. mend the constitution.

Resolved, Two-thirds of the legislature concurring, that the constitution of this state shall be amended by adding thereto the following provisions:

Credit of the state not to be loaned.

"The credit of the state shall not be directly or indirectly loaned in any case.

Legislature not to ereate state debt exceeding \$130,-£000.

"The legislature shall not create any debt or debts, liability or liabilities, on behalf of the state, which shall singly, or in the aggregate, with previous debts and liabilities hereafter incurred at any one time, exceed three hundred thousand dollars, except to suppress

except to repel invasion, &c.

insurrection, to repel invasion, or for purposes of war; but this CHAP. 29. amendment shall not be construed to refer to any money that has Proviso been, or may be deposited with this state by the government of the United States, or to any fund which the state shall hold in trust for any Indian tribe."

Resolved, That the aldermen of cities, the selectmen of the Duty of city, town and planta-tion officers. state, are hereby empowered and directed to notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations, in the manner prescribed by law, at the annual meeting in September next, to give in their votes upon the amendment proposed in the foregoing resolve, and the question shall be, "shall the constitution be amended by adding thereto the following words and provisions:—the credit of the state shall not be loaned directly or indirectly in any case; and the legislature shall not create any debt or debts, liability or liabilities, on behalf of the state, which shall singly or in the aggregate with previous debts and liabilities, hereafter incurred, at any one time exceed three hundred thousand dollars, except to suppress insurrection, to renel invasion, or for purposes of war; but this amendment shall not be construed to refer to any money that has been or may be deposited with this state by the government of the United States, or to any fund which the state shall hold in trust for any Indian tribe;" and the inhabitants of said cities, towns and plantations, shall vote by ballot on said question, those in favor of said amendment, expressing it by the word "yes" upon their ballots, and those opposed to the amendment, expressing it by the word "no" upon their ballots; and the ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and declared, in open ward, town and plantation meetings, and lists shall be made out of the votes by the aldermen, selectmen and assessors, and clerks of the several cities, towns and plantations, and returned to the office of secretary of state, in the same manner as votes for senators, and the governor and council shall count the same and make return thereof to the legislature; and if a majority of the votes are in favor of said amendment, the constitution shall be amended accordingly.

Resolved, That the secretary of state shall prepare and furnish Duty of secretary the several cities, towns and plantations, blank returns in conformity to the foregoing resolves, accompanied with a copy thereof.

[Approved, July 26, 1847.]