

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

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CHAP. 83.

Chapter 83.

Resolve for the repairs of the Canada road.

\$400 appropriat-
ed.

To be expended
under direction
of governor and
council.
Proviso.

Resolved, That for the purpose of repairing that part of the Canada road north of the Bingham's Kennebec purchase, there is hereby appropriated the sum of four hundred dollars to be expended under the direction of the governor and council; *provided*, that said sum shall be expended upon the road leading over lands the fee of which is in Maine or in Maine and Massachusetts.

[Approved July 22, 1848.]

Chapter 84.

Resolve declaratory of amendments to the constitution.

Resolved, The senate and house of representatives concurring, that whereas it appears upon examination of the reports of the executive council, in relation to the resolves passed July twenty-sixth, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, entitled "resolves providing for an amendment of the constitution in relation to pledging the credit of the state, and creating a state debt"; and also in relation to the resolves passed August second in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, entitled "resolves providing for an amendment of the constitution in relation to the election of governor, senators and members of the house of representatives," that a majority of the people voting on the questions thereby submitted, is in favor of adopting the amendment submitted in the first named resolves; and in favor of adopting the amendment, so far as it relates to electing members of the house of representatives, submitted in the last named resolve. It is therefore declared that the constitution is so far altered or amended as to read thus:

Credit of the state
not to be loaned.
Legislature shall
not create state
debt exceeding
\$300,000,

—except to repel
invasion, &c.

"The credit of the state shall not be directly or indirectly loaned in any case. 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 repel 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 that said amendment has become part of the constitution.

And it is therefore further declared that the constitution is so far altered or amended as to read thus:

"The constitution of this state is amended in the fifth section of the first part of the fourth article, by striking out the words, 'a majority of all the', and inserting instead thereof, the words, 'the highest number of', and by striking out the words, 'a majority', where they again occur in the same section, and inserting instead thereof, the words, 'the highest number'; also in the first amendment to the constitution of this state, by striking out the words 'a majority of all the', and inserting instead thereof the words, 'the highest number of'—and that said amendment has become part of the constitution of this state.

Representatives to the legislature elected by plurality.

[Approved July 29, 1848.]

Chapter 85.

Resolve in favor of J. T. K. Hayward, J. B. Foster, and William W. Thomas.

Resolved, That the treasurer of state is hereby authorized to receive of J. T. K. Hayward, J. B. Foster, and William W. Thomas the original amount of the taxes assessed on sixteen thousand acres of land in township number nine in the county of Aroostook north of Weston, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty-three by the commissioners for the county of Aroostook, *provided*, the same shall be paid within thirty days from the passage of this resolve; and upon payment thereof said taxes are hereby directed to be discharged.

Right to redeem certain land in Aroostook county.

Proviso.

[Approved August 2, 1848.]

Chapter 86.

Resolve in favor of Rufus Mansur and another.

Resolved, That the land agent be and he hereby is authorized to release the title of the state to the lands sold on two executions in favor of the state, one against Rufus Mansur and

Land agent authorized to release the title of the state to certain lands.