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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

## TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

## STATE OF MAINE,

A. D. 1849.

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Published by the Secretary of State, agreeably to Resolves of June 28, 1820, February 26, 1840,  
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WILLIAM T. JOHNSON, PRINTER TO THE STATE.

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RESOLVES

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**Chapter 201.**CHAP. 201.

Resolve making a grant of land in aid of a road from the American line on the river Saint John to the Allegash river.

*Resolved*, That there is hereby granted the proceeds of the sale of a half township of land to be selected by the governor and council and sold under their direction, for the erection of bridges across the streams and rivers in the line of a road from the American line on the river Saint John to the Allegash river, which shall be expended under the direction of the governor and council: *provided*, the county commissioners for the county of Aroostook shall proceed to make such further location of a road, and alterations in the present road, as will best promote the interest of the state and accommodate the settlers on the Saint John river; *and provided further*, that the governor and council shall not expend more than three thousand dollars in aid of said road.

Appropriation.

Proviso.

[*Approved August 14, 1849.*]

**Chapter 202.**

Resolve relative to M. Vattemare's system of International Exchange.

*Resolved*, That duplicate copies of various works in the state library (not otherwise required,) be tendered to M. Vattemare in continuation of the system of international exchange so auspiciously commenced, the selection to be made under the supervision of the secretary of state.

[*Approved August 14, 1849.*]

## STATE OF MAINE.

The joint select committee appointed to visit the state prison to make an examination into the affairs of the prison, agreeable to the recommendation of the governor in his annual message, and also the recommendation of the officers of the prison, have attended to the duty assigned them, and ask leave to submit the following

## R E P O R T .

Your committee waited on the officers of the prison on the morning of the thirty-first ult., who received them cordially and extended to them every facility for prosecuting the object of their visit. Your

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committee are of the opinion, that a classification of the convicts would be of great benefit to that unfortunate class of beings, and would be a deed of humanity; but owing to our short stay at the prison, and believing the officers of the prison are better qualified to suggest a mode of classification, we therefore recommend, that the warden or the officers of the prison be requested to forward to the governor and council some mode of classification, as soon as convenient. Your committee spent the entire day in and about the prison, propounding questions to the convicts in regard to their treatment by the officers, and by observation and enquiry, your committee are of the unanimous opinion, that their treatment is such as would meet the approbation of the entire community. Everything about the cells and convicts were in good condition. Your committee are happy to report, that the proposed hospital and solitary cells are in rapid progress, and when completed will be of great service to the prisoners and credit to the state; we therefore recommend an appropriation of two thousand seven hundred dollars for the completion of the same, and for the slating the warden's house and the guard house. The shops connected with the prison are commodious and convenient, with the exception of the shop for storage of goods ready for sale, which is very inconvenient and entirely too small; we would recommend an appropriation of six hundred dollars for the erection of a shop for that purpose. Your committee would further report, that the officers of the prison reiterated the statements made by them under oath, and published in the Lime Rock Gazette, in the months of June and July last, on the subject of the commitment and death of V. P. Coolidge, which statements we believe are correct and true; we therefore recommend that the statements referred to above be printed in connection with this report.

JOSEPH MERRILL, *Chairman.*

### Chapter 203.

Resolves in favor of the state prison.

Appropriation for  
the completion of  
hospital.

*Resolved,* That there be appropriated and paid out of the state treasury to the warden of the state prison, a sum not exceeding two thousand seven hundred dollars, for the completion of the hospital now under construction, and for the repair of the warden's house and guard house.

For erecting a  
building for stor-  
age.

*Resolved,* That there be appropriated and paid out of the state treasury to the warden of the state prison, a sum not exceeding six hundred dollars, for the purpose of erecting a suitable building for the storage of articles ready for sale; and the governor is hereby authorized to draw his warrant for the whole or any part of said sums, as in the opinion of the warden and inspectors may be required.

[*Approved August 14, 1849.*]