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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

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RESOLVES

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

1849.

Chapter 204.

CHAP. 204.

Resolve in favor of Hancock plantation.

Resolved, That the state treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to pay out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to Hancock plantation, in the county of Aroostook, forty-three dollars and seventy-two cents, being the proportion of bank tax of eighteen hundred and forty-eight and nine, rightfully belonging to said plantation.

Proportion of
bank tax for 1850.

[Approved August 14, 1849.]

STATE OF MAINE.

The joint standing committee on the insane hospital, to which was referred so much of the governor's message as relates to the insane hospital, the report of its trustees and the accompanying documents, have had the same under consideration and would submit the following

R E P O R T.

Your committee are fully sensible of the high trust to them committed. Maine is justly proud of those noble efforts and that liberal policy, which have given us an institution which is at once an ornament to the beautiful valley of the Kennebec, and an asylum where those peculiarly afflicted with minds insane may receive all the alleviating attentions that warm hearts and sound science may dictate. Here insanity is robbed of half its horrors—kindness and comfort take the place of cruelty and distrust—the genial influence of a humane philosophy soothes the raging mind, and, aided by a judicious application of the healing art, often sends forth to the bosom of anxious and rejoicing friends the maniac clothed in his right mind.

Such being the noble design and such the glorious anticipations, it well behooves those to whom this high trust is committed, to see to it, that all who are placed in this institution, receive all the attention and aid which philanthropy and science can give. Your committee have therefore carefully investigated and thoroughly scrutinized all the arrangements calculated to affect the condition of its inmates; and we are happy to declare the result of our investigations highly satisfactory.

That the affairs of such an institution should be managed with such general satisfaction was scarcely to be expected. Where there is so much mental aberration to direct, so much of frenzy to check, so much of rage to subdue, and so much of physical pain to alleviate, it would be strange if some were not to feel neglected or badly treated; and stranger still, would it be, if such feelings were not communicated to the patient's friends and relatives.

After a careful and patient investigation of all the affairs of our