

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

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RESOLVES

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1850.

Chapter 267.

Resolve providing for the rebuilding of a bridge over Chesley brook in the town of Mattamiscotis.

In favor of bridge
over Chesley
brook.

Resolved, That for the purpose of rebuilding a bridge over Chesley brook in Mattamiscotis in the county of Penobscot, there be and hereby is appropriated a sum not exceeding three hundred dollars to be expended under the direction of the land agent: *provided*, the inhabitants on the line of the road shall appropriate a sum in labor and money sufficient to finish said bridge to the acceptance of the land agent.

Proviso.

[*Approved August 20, 1850.*]

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
July 19, 1850.

THE committee on the judiciary, to which was referred the petitions of numerous citizens of our state, praying for the establishment of a reform school, and also a communication from the mayor of the city of Portland, offering in behalf of said city, some island or other suitable location for such a school, have had that subject under consideration, and

REPORT:

That among the circumstances which serve to mark the progress of our race, none are more striking and important than the modifications which have taken place, from time to time, in the administration of criminal law—and in that change of public sentiment which dwells rather upon the idea of *reforming* criminals, and drying up the fountains of crime, than cultivating and indulging in a spirit of revenge, in cruelties and punishments inflicted under the forms of law alike revolting and absurd, which have disgraced some not very remote periods of the enlightened world. The numerous petitions for a state reform school for juvenile offenders, coming as they do from different and most important parts of our state, afford strong and cheering evidence of the general prevalence of this sentiment throughout the state.

Your committee are unanimous in the opinion that this state should promptly respond to the prayer of the petitioners, by taking immediate and efficient measures for the establishment of such an institution, which, we believe, would prove not only a most honored and honorable monument of the beneficence of the state, but most decidedly a measure of practical wisdom and economy even in a pecuniary point of view. With a territory as large as all the rest of New England; a sea coast which the world admires for its facilities for ship building,