

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

## THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

OF THE

### STATE OF MAINE,

A. D. 1852.

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Published by the Secretary of State, agreeably to resolves of June 28, 1820, February  
26, 1840, and March 16, 1842.  
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**Augusta:**  
WILLIAM T. JOHNSON, PRINTER TO THE STATE.

1852.

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**CHAP. 471.** thereof to the governor and council, with report of the statistics of agriculture and laborers, and of products, and employment generally.

[Approved April 24, 1852.]

### Chapter 471.

Resolves relating to a ship canal across the state of Florida.

Commercial  
interests, &c.

*Resolved*, by the senate and house of representatives in legislature assembled, That the citizens of the State of Maine, largely engaged as they are in ship building and commerce, have a strong and direct interest in the construction of any works, which will save their ships from the dangers and delays of the navigation along the reefs and around the Cape of Florida.

Ship Canal.

*Resolved*, That a ship canal across Florida, if practicable, would be such a work; and as it would benefit the commerce and navigation of all the commercial states of the Union, it is eminently a national work and should be constructed by the general government.

Survey of, &c.

*Resolved*, That we cordially unite with our brethren in Alabama, in calling the attention of the government of the United States to the importance of causing a survey to be made to test the practicability of constructing such a canal.

*Resolved*, That the governor be requested to send a copy of these resolves to the governors of the several states and to each of our senators and representatives in congress.

[Approved April 24, 1852.]

### Chapter 472.

Resolve in relation to certain debts due the state.

Claims for  
stumpage,  
how adjusted,  
&c.

*Resolved*, That the land agent and treasurer be, and they hereby are directed to investigate the character of the claims of the state against individuals, for stumpage, cut prior to, and including the year eighteen forty-seven, and to report to the next legislature all cases in which equitable claims for offsets or reductions may exist, with such recommendations in relation thereto, as he may think proper; and when no such equities are made to appear, he is hereby instructed to take such