

# 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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RESOLVES

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CHAP. 492.**Chapter 492.**

Resolve in favor of the library.

Purchase of  
law books.

*Resolved*, That the secretary of state is hereby authorized to expend a sum not exceeding four hundred dollars, for the purchase of law books for the library.

[*Approved April 26, 1852.*]**Chapter 493.**

Resolves in relation to the commercial interests of the state of Maine.

Preamble.

*Whereas*, the people of Maine are largely engaged in commercial pursuits, especially in the carrying trade between this and other countries, and in ship building, and the various kinds of business connected with and dependent on the same, therefore

Commercial  
interest, rights  
of, &c.

*Resolved*, That while we claim for this class of our citizens no exclusive or special privileges, justice to them demands that they should not be obstructed in the full and free enjoyment of all the natural channels of trade.

Appropriations by congress to support lines of steamships, tendency of, &amp;c.

*Resolved*, That further appropriations by congress for the support of any of the lines of steamships now established, or that may be hereafter established, under the pretext of compensation for the transportation of the mails, would be injurious to our citizens, would have a direct tendency to foster and build up one class of commercial interests to the prejudice of all others, to discourage private enterprise and competition and create a monopoly dangerous and anti-republican in its tendency.

*Resolved*, That our senators and representatives in congress, be requested to oppose any further appropriations by congress for the above objects.

*Resolved*, That the governor be requested to transmit a copy of these resolutions to each of our senators and representatives in congress.

[*Approved April 26, 1852.*]