

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

A. D. 1853.

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GOVERNOR CROSBY'S MESSAGES.

To the senate and house of representatives :

A resolve of the legislature, approved April 3, 1852, authorized the governor to take such measures as he might deem expedient to lay before the authorities of Massachusetts the grievances of which Maine complains in regard to the management and disposition of the lands owned by that state in common and in severalty in this state, to ask such action as the interest of the state demands, and to report to the legislature the result of the negotiations.

Under the foregoing resolve a correspondence was had between the authorities of the two states, the result of which appears in a communication from my predecessor, Governor Hubbard, which I herewith transmit with accompanying documents.

WILLIAM G. CROSBY.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, }
January 21, 1853. }

[For correspondence see appendix.]

To the senate and house of representatives :

I herewith transmit a report from the board of commissioners appointed under the resolve of August 20, 1850, for the establishment and erection of a State Reform School. A further appropriation has become necessary for the discharge of indebtedness already incurred and the completion of the undertaking. The amount required, however, does not exceed, with what has already been appropriated, the estimate of the commissioners heretofore submitted to the legislature.

As the buildings will be so far completed within a few weeks as to be in readiness for the reception of inmates, I invite your early attention to the enactment of such laws as may be necessary to carry out the object of the institution and provide for its government.

WILLIAM G. CROSBY.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, }
February 7, 1853. }

To the senate and house of representatives :

Major general Thomas Littlefield having tendered his resignation, which has been accepted, and major general William Nye having been removed from office in conformity to the judgment and sentence of a court martial, the office of major general in the fourth and eighth divisions of the militia of Maine is vacant.

WILLIAM G. CROSBY.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, }
February 23, 1853. }

To the house of representatives :

IN compliance with an order of the 24th ult., asking for such information relating to the official action of the several agents for the tribe of Passamaquoddy Indians as could be derived from the accounts by them rendered from the year 1842 to 1852 inclusive, I herewith transmit copies of those accounts.

In reply to that portion of the order which calls for information as to the population of the tribe, I have to say, that by the census taken in 1851 the whole number of the tribe was four hundred and thirty-three; the report of the present agent shows that the whole number in November last, as estimated by him, was four hundred and eight.

WILLIAM G. CROSBY.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, }
March 7, 1853. }

To the house of representatives :

In compliance with the request contained in your order of the 7th inst., I herewith transmit copies of the accounts for services rendered by the commissioners appointed to superintend the erection of the State Reform School buildings, under the resolve of August 20, 1850, as audited and allowed by the governor and council, May 14, 1851. Copies of the same accounts were furnished to the house of representatives at their last annual session, in answer to their order, and were printed in house document No. 34. No account for services rendered since that time has been presented.

The deed of conveyance from the city of Portland to the state referred to in your order is not in my possession and I am unable to state its contents. From the report of the commissioners made to my predecessor, Governor Hubbard, on the 14th of May, 1851, I learn that such a deed was executed and delivered to the commissioners and by them transmitted to the governor with their report. The secretary

of state has examined the files in his department but it is not there to be found. I learn also, unofficially, that it has not been recorded in the registry of deeds for the county of Cumberland.

In reply to that portion of your order which calls for copies of the accounts of the commissioners appointed to superintend the repairing and re-fitting of the Insane Hospital, I have to say, that no account for services rendered by them has been presented to the governor and council.

WILLIAM G. CROSBY.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, }
March 10, 1853. }

To the house of representatives :

IN compliance with the request contained in your order of the 10th instant, I herewith transmit a copy of the account of Samuel L. Harris, Esq., as presented by him to the governor and council, April 15, 1852, showing a balance in his favor at that time of \$8,959.44. Since that account was presented he has received from the state treasury the further sum of \$467.35; of which sum \$250.00 was paid September 3, 1852, on account of his personal services, and \$217.35, December 31, 1852, on account of expenses incurred in the presentation and prosecution of the claim of the state upon the general government for interest on advances made by the state.

The documents connected with the agency of Mr. Harris together with the vouchers in support of his account may be found in the office of the secretary of state. An examination of them will be necessary to a thorough understanding of the merits of his claim.

In view of the time which has elapsed since the services were rendered and the character and magnitude of the claim, I would respectfully suggest the propriety of prompt and final action in the matter by both branches of the legislature.

WILLIAM G. CROSBY.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, }
March 12, 1853. }

To the senate and house of representatives :

I herewith submit for your consideration a communication which I have this morning received from the land agent.

WILLIAM G. CROSBY.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, }
March 30, 1853. }