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### ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

EXTRA SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 1853,

AND THE

## THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

OF THE

### STATE OF MAINE,

1854.

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# RESOLVES

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# STATE OF MAINE.

1854.

before the publication of said notice; and he shall specify in Chap. 189. said advertisement, the notes and demands, the amount of principal due thereon, and the name or names of the promisers; and if said notes are not paid within one year from the first day of January, eighteen hundred and fifty-five, all the tracts, townships or parcels of land for which the aforesaid notes were given shall be and the same are hereby declared forfeited to the state without any further time for redeeming the same, . together with all payments made thereon.

[Approved April 20, 1854.]

#### Chapter 189.

Resolve in favor of Thomas Dixon.

Resolved, That there be paid from the treasury of state, out Thomas Dixon, of any money not otherwise appropriated, the sum of fifteen dollars and eighty-eight cents to Thomas Dixon, as coroner, for expenses of taking an inquisition on the dead body of a foreigner.

[Approved April 20, 1854.]

### Chapter 190.

Resolve in relation to the promulgation of the laws of the state.

Resolved, That a resolve approved March first, eighteen Laws of the hundred forty-two, entitled, "Resolve additional for the promulto, promulgation of." gation of the laws of the state," be amended by striking out the words "five dollars" and inserting the words "ten dollars."

[Approved April 20, 1854.]

#### Chapter 191.

Resolve in favor of A. A. Hanseom and others.

Resolved, That there be allowed and paid out of the treas- A. A. Hanscom ury of this state to Alpheus A. Hanscom of Saco, six dollars, and to John Jackson of Calais, six dollars, for advertising the laws passed at the extra session of the legislature of eighteen

CHAP. 192 hundred fifty-three; and to Masters, Smith and Company, five dollars, and five dollars for William H. Simpson, for printing for this legislature.

[Approved April 20, 1854.]

#### STATE OF MAINE.

THE joint standing committee on insane hospital, to which was referred the report of the trustees, steward and superintendent of the same, report, that we have visited the institution, and with a watchful regard, have examined all its internal arrangements and general management, and the facilities for the convenient and efficient administration of the duties of its several departments, and are willing alike to express our gratitude to those who projected, as well as to those who founded, this great and humane institution, the pride of our state, and the admiration of philanthropy itself. And we are happy also to believe, that the munificent designs and the most sanguine anticipations of its early friends and benefactors are being successfully realized, and that this institution, under the guidance and care of its present board of officers, will compare in usefulness and success, favorably with any institution of the kind in any of our sister states. The beneficent effects of the institution upon the community, as well as upon its inmates, were never exceeded in any former period of its existence; and the causes which, heretofore, have operated to prejudice the public mind against it, are entirely removed. The economical and wise policy pursued by the trustees; the extensive experience, scientific attainments, gentlemanly deportment, and unwearied attention of the superintendent; the prompt and just exhibit of the steward and treasurer; the good quality and condition of all the provisions and other articles on hand for the use of the inmates, and the general neatness and fidelity of the assistants, justly entitle this institution to the fullest confidence of the people of this state.

Your committee commend a wholesome vigilance on the part of all those who have the care and supervision of the concerns of the institution, that no abuse shall be allowed to creep in which may tend to impair either its efficiency in the restoration of the insane, or the confidence of the community. And your committee believe that the officers have exercised a wise discrimination in the selection of persons employed at the institution, and that a higher degree of intelligence and a higher standard of moral requisites are necessary and essential to the efficient discharge of the duties devolving upon them, than are usually to be found in that class of the community from which they are selected, or whose services can usually be obtained for the compensation afforded.