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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

## THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

1855.

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**CHAP. 251.****Chapter 251.**

Resolve to diminish the state valuation of the town of Cutler.

Town of Cutler,  
state valuation  
of, diminished.

*Resolved*, That the state valuation of the town of Cutler, in the county of Washington, shall hereafter and until the next state valuation, be fixed at forty-three thousand dollars, instead of the sum now fixed by law.

[Approved March 16, 1855.]

**Chapter 252.**

Resolve in favor of the town of Richmond.

Town of Rich-  
mond, in favor of.

*Resolved*, That the secretary of state be directed to furnish the town of Richmond with a copy of each volume of Maine Reports, belonging to the state, not otherwise appropriated.

[Approved March 16, 1855.]

**Chapter 253.**

Resolve in relation to the purchase of the Eaton and Plymouth grants.

Preamble.

*Whereas*, The commissioners appointed under resolves authorizing the appointment of commissioners to locate grants and determine the extent of possessory claims, under the late treaty with Great Britain, have reported a large number of such claims in the grants to the town of Plymouth, and to General Eaton. Therefore,

Authorized to  
obtain title to  
certain grants.  
Proviso.

*Resolved*, That the governor and council are hereby authorized to obtain the title to the whole, or any part of said grants; *provided*, the same can be obtained of the proprietors, upon reasonable terms, by an exchange of lands or otherwise, and the land agent is hereby authorized to make the necessary conveyances, when thereto directed by order of the governor and council.

[Approved March 16, 1855.]

## STATE OF MAINE.

THE joint standing committee on insane hospital, to whom was referred the report of the trustees, steward and superintendent of the same, ask leave to report that they have examined the documents sub-

mitted to them, they have also visited the hospital and examined into its interior arrangements and the situation of the patients therein, they take pleasure in reporting that this institution is well managed. The trustees visit the hospital every month in the year, and examine minutely the situation of each patient in reference to food, clothing, bed and bedding, and other comforts, and to aid the officers of the institution by their advice and council, if desired. Under the superintending care of Dr. Harlow, and the efficient services of Mr. Allen, the steward and treasurer, and untiring exertions of Mrs. Johnson, the matron, this noble institution has outlived the prejudices of its enemies, and silenced the voice of detraction and calumny, and has become a monument of the munificence of individuals and the liberality of the state.

Your committee regret to state that the expense of building the north wing of the hospital will considerably exceed the estimate of last year. This may be traced to various causes. The high price of labor and materials; the difficulty in obtaining a permanent foundation, which exceeded the estimate very largely. In addition, the legislature of last year, contrary to the advice and recommendation of their committee, preferred to entrust the expenditure of the money granted to the governor and council, rather than to the trustees, (under whose direction the south wing was built,) thereby, as your committee think, increasing the amount of expenditure very materially.

Your committee would further state, that there is due on the contract for brick, stone and lumber, necessary to complete the north wing, as follows :

To Davenport, for brick, . . . . .	\$582 19
“ amount due Lambert, for materials, . . . . .	233 47
“ “ “ Pierce, for stone, . . . . .	3,200 00
“ “ “ Sturgess, for lumber, . . . . .	216 00

We herewith furnish the estimate of Sawyer, the master workman, employed by the governor and council, . . . . . 18,789 97

Estimated amount necessary to complete the north wing, \$23,021 63

In addition, we herewith submit the estimate of T. C.

Allen, steward and treasurer of hospital, as to the whole expense of furniture for north wing, being \$2,485 75 for three galleries. We have deducted one-third of the amount, upon the supposition that it may and probably will not be necessary to furnish more than two of the galleries this fall, as follows :

. . . . .	1,657 17
Whole amount necessary to be raised, . . . . .	\$24,678 80
Add expense of superintending, . . . . .	321 20
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	\$25,000 00

CHAP. 254. Your committee would therefore report that twenty-five thousand dollars be appropriated for the purpose of completing the north wing of the hospital, and for the furniture necessary for two galleries for the same, and herewith submit a resolve therefor. Should the amount recommended by this resolve meet our expectations, the actual cost of completing said wing will be \$43,000, or about \$13,000 more than the estimate of last year, and about \$12,000 more than the cost of the south wing. The reasons for this increase have already been sufficiently alluded to.

Your committee would further state that it appears from report of the trustees that they have engaged the services of Rev. J. H. Ingraham, to officiate as chaplain for the past year, at one hundred dollars per annum, and that his services have proved very acceptable to the officers and attendants, and have had a very happy effect upon the unfortunate inmates of the hospital.

It also appears by the report of the trustees, that they have engaged the services of Jerome C. Smith, M. D., as assistant physician, with a salary of three hundred dollars per annum.

Your committee submit a resolve herewith to pay for the services of the chaplain and assistant physician, for the current year.

GEORGE DOWNES,  
*Per order of Committee.*

### Chapter 254.

Resolve making an appropriation for the insane hospital.

Insane hospital,  
appropriation  
for.

*Resolved,* That the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars be appropriated and paid out of the treasury of the state, out of any money not otherwise appropriated, to be expended under the direction of trustees of the insane hospital, to complete the building of the north wing of the same, and furniture for two galleries in said north wing.

[Approved March 16, 1855.]

### Chapter 255.

Resolve providing for the annual appropriation for the reform school.

Reform school,  
annual appro-  
priation for.

*Resolved,* That there be appropriated out of the state treasury the sum of nineteen thousand dollars, to meet the current expenses of the state reform school for the present financial year of that institution, to provide for the erection of buildings, and to meet the other wants, as specified in the superintendent's report.

[Approved March 16, 1855.]