

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

THIRTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

A. D. 1856.

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Published by the Secretary of State, agreeably to Resolves of June 28, 1830, February 26, 1840,  
and March 16, 1842.  
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1856.

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RESOLVES

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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Resolve in favor of Richard Libbey and John Lane.

Richard Libbey  
and John Lane,  
land agent  
authorized to  
convey certain  
lots of land to.

*Resolved*, That the land agent be authorized to convey to Richard Libbey and John Lane, assignees of Cyrus Moore, village, lots number thirteen and fourteen, in Mattawamkeag village, on payment by them of the original price for which such lots were sold and interest thereon to the time of the conveyance.

[Approved March 31, 1856.]

#### STATE OF MAINE.

The joint standing committee on the judiciary, to whom were referred the several communications of the commissioners appointed under resolves of the last legislature, to revise the public laws, have had the same under consideration, together with the official printed copy of the new revision, submitted by the commissioners, and ask leave to

#### REPORT:

The commissioners, Messrs. John B. Hill, Joseph Baker and James Bell, were directed by the resolve of March 12, 1855, under which they were appointed, "faithfully to revise, collate and arrange all the public laws of this state," and, "carefully collect the different acts and parts of acts relating to the same subject matter, and collate and arrange the same under appropriate titles, chapters and sections, and in all respects execute and complete said revision in such a manner as in their opinion will render said laws most plain, concise and intelligible."

These terms may appear to admit of the interpretation that only a *compilation* of the laws was required, without any change of substance in the code, and, in such a manner that the revision would not require to be enacted into law, but only "adopted" as a convenient arrangement of the general statutes of the state.

Alterations and amendments are provided for by another part of the resolves, where the commissioners are required, "in the report of their doings, to *indicate* such contradictions, omissions or imperfections, as may appear in the laws so to be revised, and the mode in which the same *may be* reconciled, supplied or amended;" and the last of the resolves contemplated that the present legislature might adopt the revision, "*whether with or without* amendments."

This appears to require that all amendatory matter should be submitted to the legislature in such a separate form, apart from the re-arranged body of the existing law, that the legislature could most