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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

THIRTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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Chapter 268.

CHAP. 268.

Resolve in favor of the Penobscot Indians.

Resolved, That for the purpose of aiding the Penobscot Indians in their agricultural pursuits, there be paid from the treasury to the agent of said Indians, the sum of four hundred dollars, to be expended under his direction in the purchase of seed and in planting the same.

Penobscot Indians, in favor of.

[Approved April 2, 1859.]

Chapter 269.

Resolve providing for the erection of a gun-house in Kittery.

Resolved, That the governor with the consent of the council is hereby authorized to pay or cause to be paid out of the state treasury, the sum of six hundred dollars to such person or persons as they may direct, for the purpose of aiding the members of the B company of artillery, in the first division of Maine volunteer militia, in the erection of a suitable building to be used for a place of safe deposit of the ordnance and ordnance apparatus and other property committed by the state to the care of said B company, and also as a place for military drill and discipline; *provided*, said B company shall first covey to the state by a good and sufficient deed, a suitable lot of land in the village in the town of Kittery, whereon said building can be erected; and also shall produce satisfactory evidence to the governor and council that they, the members of said B company, will pay or cause to be paid the sum of six hundred dollars to the person or persons designated by the governor and council, to be expended in finishing and completing said building to be used as aforesaid; and the building erected on the land conveyed as aforesaid shall belong to the state.

Gun house in Kittery, for erection of.

— purpose.

Proviso.

[Approved April 2, 1859.]

Chapter 270.

Resolves in relation to the state prison.

Resolved, That the governor with the advice and consent of council is hereby authorized to appoint a commission of three suitable men, whose duty it shall be to consider the expediency of enlarging and reconstructing the state prison at Thomaston, and also the expe-

Commissioners, appointment of.

— duties of.

CHAP. 270.

Plans, &c. to be laid before governor, on or before the first day of Dec. next.

— governor to transmit to the legislature.

If commissioners deem it necessary to change location, &c.

— shall report to governor.

— governor to transmit to the legislature.

Commissioners, further duty relating to the internal economy, &c.

— relating to contracts for labor of convicts, &c.

— shall proceed to procure, &c. new contracts.

— shall advertise for proposals.

diency of building a new prison in some other locality. The commissioners thus appointed shall carefully examine the structure and present condition of the prison and appurtenant buildings, and shall determine upon the cheapest and best mode of enlarging the same to an extent that will give from two hundred to two hundred and fifty cells in the prison when completed, together with a proportionate supply of shop room; and the plans and specifications of said enlargement with the accurately estimated cost of same shall be laid before the governor on or before the first day of December next, and the governor shall transmit the same to the legislature at the commencement of the ensuing session. But if after due investigation into the internal economy and management of the prison as herein-after directed and provided for, said commissioners shall deem it necessary for the financial success of the prison to change its location, they shall state their conclusion in a report to the governor on or before the first day of December next, and the governor shall transmit the same to the legislature at the commencement of the ensuing session.

Resolved, That it shall be the further duty of the commissioners to examine into the internal economy and management of the prison and with the sanction of the governor and council, they shall make such changes as they may deem advantageous to the state; they may fix anew the compensation of the various officers of the prison; may reduce the number and alter the respective duties of the same; may revise and correct the entire system of disbursements in the various departments, and are further authorized to exercise all the powers and duties of the inspectors of the state prison as prescribed in chapter one hundred and forty of the revised statutes.

Resolved, That it shall be the further duty of said commissioners to examine into the contracts now made for the labor of the convicts in the prison and if they shall consider said contracts disadvantageous to the state they shall with the sanction of the governor and council institute measures for speedily terminating the same, having due regard in such action to the legal and equitable rights of said contractors. And in the event of existing contracts being thus terminated, the commissioners shall proceed to procure and execute new contracts for the labor of the convicts, and to this end shall advertise for proposals in at least two papers outside the county of Lincoln, and two papers in said county; said proposals shall be sealed and addressed to the commissioners at Thomaston and shall be opened on a day specified and the contracts shall be awarded to the party or parties offering the highest net sum for the labor of the convicts and giving due security for the performance of the cove-

nants and agreements into which said party or parties may enter with the state. In advertising said commissioners shall state the total number of convicts to be hired, and shall invite proposals for the whole number or for any specified portion of the same, and in awarding the contracts, preference shall be given to the party or parties proposing to hire the larger number, if the rates offered are the same as those offered for a smaller number.

Resolved, That the compensation of said commissioners shall be fixed by the governor and council, but the total amount which each shall receive for services and expenses of every kind shall not exceed two hundred dollars.

Resolved, That these resolves shall take effect when approved by the governor.

[Approved April 2, 1859.]

CHAP. 271.

— to state the total number of convicts.

— contracts how to be awarded.

Compensation of commissioners.

Chapter 271.

Resolve to extend the provisions of a resolve approved March twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred fifty-eight, entitled a "resolve in favor of the East Maine Conference Seminary."

Resolved, That the time specified within which the trustees of the East Maine Conference Seminary were allowed by a resolve, approved March twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred fifty-eight, to show to the governor and council that certain subscriptions in behalf of said seminary had been made, be extended to the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and sixty.

[Approved April 2, 1859.]

Resolve, approved March 29, 1858, provisions of, extended.

Chapter 272.

Resolve in favor of the town of Blanchard.

Resolved, That there be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, two hundred and fifty dollars for the benefit of the inhabitants of the town of Blanchard; it being the amount of debt incurred by said town for the support of two paupers at the insane hospital, and the governor is hereby authorized to draw a warrant for the same in favor of the steward of said institution, to be credited to said town which shall be in full for all claims said institution has against said town for the support of said paupers therein.

Town of Blanchard, in favor of.

[Approved April 2, 1859.]