

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

## THIRTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

## STATE OF MAINE.

1860.

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Published by the Secretary of State, agreeably to Resolves of June 23, 1820, February 26,  
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## CHAP. 375.

## Chapter 375.

Resolve in relation to a uniform decimal system of weights, measures and currencies.

*Whereas*, there now exists throughout the civilized world divers unequal, incongruous and inconvenient systems of weights, measures and currencies, without a proper basis or any uniform ratio of divisions and multiples; thus subjecting the scholar, the teacher, and the man of business to numerous and needless perplexities in computation and in trade, and making it a most difficult task to determine the absolute or the comparative value of many coins, quantities and admeasurements now in use; *and whereas*, a reform in regard to these inequalities and irregularities is demanded by the highest interests of education and commerce, therefore

Weights, measures and currencies, in relation to.

*Resolved*, That our senators and representatives in congress be requested to use their influence to have that body consider the proposed subject and establish an uniform decimal system of weights, measures and currencies; fixing their standards or units of each measure, with their sub-divisions and multiples, in the most concise and simple manner; and that the more effectually to promote this desirable reform, an international commission be recommended for the purpose of producing an uniform system of metrology throughout the commercial world.

*And whereas*, any great reform of this kind can be successfully completed only by the aid of scientific men; *and whereas*, it is necessary for the end in view to bring into requisition the greatest ability and ingenuity to be found in the nation, therefore

*Resolved*, Congress be recommended to offer a worthy premium to any citizen of the United States, who shall devise the best system of decimal weights, measures and currencies; the question of merit to be decided by the commission to which the whole subject shall be entrusted.

*Resolved*, That the secretary of state be instructed to forward printed copies of these resolves to our senators and representatives in congress.

[Approved March 20, 1860.]

## Chapter 376.

Resolve relating to certain demands of the state.

Certain demands of the state, relating to.

*Resolved*, That the governor and council be directed to accept the proposition made by Neal Dow in his letter to the investigating committee as detailed in their report, and take measures at once to have the proposition carried into effect; that the governor and