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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

## FORTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

OF THE

### STATE OF MAINE.

1862.

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## GOVERNOR WASHBURN'S MESSAGES.

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*To the Senate and House of Representatives:*

I herewith transmit to the Legislature a report made to me by Lieut. Col. A. M. Wildes in reference to his visit, made at my request, to the Camps of Maine Regiments near Washington, for the purpose of procuring the signatures of the members thereof to allotment rolls.

ISRAEL WASHBURN, JR.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,  
Council Chamber, Jan. 2, 1862. }

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*To the Senate:*

In answer to the inquiries contained in the order of the Senate adopted this day, which is as follows:

“WHEREAS, it has been stated that a despatch has been received from Secretary Seward, addressed to the United States Marshal and all federal officers in Portland, directing the agents of the British government to have all proper facilities for landing and conveying to Canada or elsewhere troops and munitions of every kind without exception—therefore,

*Ordered,* That his Excellency the Governor be requested to communicate to the Senate, if compatible with the public interests, all the information he may have, if any, in relation to the passage of British troops as recited in the preamble to this order; and whether any steps have been taken to prevent such use of American soil within the limits of the State of Maine.”

I have to say that I have no knowledge or information upon the subject referred to which is not already in possession of the public. No measures have as yet been taken by the Executive to prevent the passage of British troops over the territory of the State; but the subject will not fail to receive its immediate attention.

ISRAEL WASHBURN, JR.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,  
Council Chamber, Jan. 13, 1862. }

*To the Senate and House of Representatives :*

I lay before you for your consideration, the report of the Commissioners appointed by me to confer with the authorities at Washington, on the proper system of defence to be adopted by the Federal Government for the State of Maine, and as to the manner of its execution, together with a copy of a special message to the Congress of the United States, sent by the President on the 17th of December, 1861, transmitting to that body a correspondence which had taken place between the Secretary of State, the Secretary of War, the Executive of this State, on the subject of the fortifications of the sea coast and lakes.

Also a copy of a bill pending in Congress to refund to the several States, moneys advanced for the public defence.

Also copy of a letter from the Secretary of War of date 28th December, 1861, transmitting a report of the Chief Engineer U. S. A., in reference to the defences of the city of Portland.

ISRAEL WASHBURN, JR.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,  
Council Chamber, Jan. 21, 1862. }

*To the Senate and House of Representatives :*

In response to the joint order of the Senate and House of Representatives, passed the 9th of January instant, requesting the Governor to inform the Legislature of the amount and condition of arms and military equipments at the disposal of the State, place of deposit, &c.; also, for such further information as may be in his possession in regard to the most proper source of supplying such as may be deemed necessary to meet the exigencies of the State, I herewith lay before the legislature a communication addressed to me on the subject of these inquiries by the Adjutant General of this State, with copies of certain schedules and tables showing the number, condition and place of deposit of such arms and equipments, together with a copy of a letter addressed to me by Brigadier General J. W. Ripley, the officer in charge of the Ordnance bureau at Washington.

In transmitting these papers to the Legislature, I may be permitted to say, that since the date of Gen. Ripley's letter, unofficial information has been received to the effect that the large contracts, or many of them, for the manufacture of arms to which he has referred, will not probably be completed. Nor should I fail to remark, that while the Cavalry regiment raised in this State, for the service of the United States, under the authority of the President, has been mustered into the service of the United States for many

weeks, I have been unable to obtain arms for it from the General Government, for the reason, as I have been informed, that there were no arms to be had, of the kind that were needed. I have endeavored more than once to obtain authority to purchase the necessary arms for this regiment, but have failed to receive such authority.

To so much of the order of the Legislature as asks for information in regard to the proper source of supplying such arms as may be deemed necessary to meet the exigencies of the State, I have to observe, that I know of no certain reliance for good and serviceable arms, except upon the manufacturers and artisans of our own State, unless the supply on hand, and the contracts and arrangements made by the authorities of the United States, referred to by General Ripley, shall furnish it—and upon this point I have no knowledge not in possession, I presume, of the members of the Legislature.

ISRAEL WASHBURN, JR.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }  
January 22, 1862. }

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*To the Senate and House of Representatives:*

I transmit herewith a letter which I have received from Samuel J. Bridge, Esquire, of San Francisco, California, in which he informs me that he presents to the State of Maine the beautiful portrait of Thomas Pownall, Governor of Massachusetts Bay in 1760, now in the rotunda of the Capitol.

The high character of Governor Pownall, his constant friendship for the American Colonies, and the great interest which he never ceased to manifest in the welfare of the people of Maine, and the many favors he conferred upon them, will secure to the liberal donor, our sincere thanks for the valuable and graceful present which he has made to our State.

ISRAEL WASHBURN, JR.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }  
Council Chamber, Jan. 22, 1862. }

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*To the Senate and House of Representatives:*

I hereby transmit to the Legislature an authenticated copy of a joint resolution to amend the Constitution of the United States, adopted by Congress and approved by the President of the United

States the 2d of March, 1861. Also the letter of the President of March 16, 1861, enclosing the same.

ISRAEL WASHBURN, JR.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,  
Executive Department, }  
March 7, 1862.

*To the House of Representatives :*

I have the honor to inform the House of Representatives, that I have this day transmitted to the Senate and House of Representatives an authenticated copy of the joint resolution of Congress for the amendment of the Constitution of the United States, referred to in the order of the House of Representatives this day adopted.

The joint resolutions having been received after the adjournment of the Legislature of 1861, was laid aside to be transmitted to the present Legislature. This would have been done at the commencement of the session had not the fact that there was such paper on the files of the Executive Department wholly escaped my recollection.

ISRAEL WASHBURN, JR.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,  
Executive Department, }  
March 7, 1862.