

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1863.

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Chapter 270.

Resolve in regard to the armament of the forts of the United States lying within the State of Maine.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, it appears from the report of general Totten, chief of the bureau of engineers of the United States submitted to the secretary of war under date of January fourth, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, in conformity with the tenor of the official note of the secretary of war to his excellency the governor of Maine, on the defences required within the limits of this state, that there is no adequate armament of the forts in this state and that these forts are useless if not constituting an actual danger unless properly guarded, manned and served; and

Same.

WHEREAS, The ordnance bureau of the United States has neglected year after year to make adequate provision for the armament of these forts, though called upon by repeated requisitions from the engineer bureau to supply such needed armament, all which facts appear in the official report of general Totten, engineer in chief, on file in the war office and printed among the state documents of the present session of the legislature of Maine; therefore,

Governor
requested to
call the
attention of
the President
to the defences
of Maine.

Resolved, That the governor be requested to call the attention of the President to the matters of the defences of Maine and to lay before him from time to time such information on the subject as the public exigencies may require.

Approved March 25, 1863.

Chapter 271.

Resolve correcting a mistake in the county estimates of Somerset county.

Somerset, co.
estimates
corrected.

Resolved, That the county tax for the county of Somerset for the year eighteen hundred and sixty-three, be eight thousand dollars instead of ten thousand and four hundred dollars as provided in resolve approved March thirteenth, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three.

Approved March 25, 1863.

Chapter 272.

Resolves in relation to certain claims growing out of the war claim of Massachusetts on the treasury of the United States.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, it is just that the expenses of procuring a final settlement with the United States in one thousand eight hundred and

fifty-nine, of the advances made to the United States by Massachusetts in the war of one thousand eight hundred and twelve and one thousand eight hundred and fifteen with Great Britain, should be divided between Massachusetts and Maine in proportion to their respective interests in the reimbursement of said advances; therefore,

Resolved, That the governor with the advice and consent of the council be authorized to appoint an agent whose duty it shall be to effect with the authorities of Massachusetts such an adjustment and apportionment of the aforesaid expenses, including such just charges as have not yet been paid by either state.

Agent,
appointment
of.

Resolved further, That the governor and council be authorized to pay to the commissioner of Maine at Washington in one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine, the two thirds of his expenditures in the matter of the Massachusetts war claim which have not yet been paid to him, which expenditures are to be shown to the satisfaction of the governor and council, but not in any event beyond the net amount of the moneys which may be obtained from Massachusetts, by the agent to be appointed under these resolves, after deducting the reasonable compensation of such agent to be fixed by the governor and council, and it is expressly declared that nothing herein contained shall ever be construed to admit that Maine is under any liability to pay from its own treasury any further sum than has already been paid on account of the prosecution of the Massachusetts war claim.

Commissioner
of Maine at
Washington,
relating to
claim of.

Approved March 25, 1863.

Chapter 273.

Resolve in favor of District number two in the town of Madison.

Resolved, That the treasurer of state be authorized and directed to receive of Mahlan D. Spaulding of the city of Boston, a bond of one thousand dollars against the State of Maine, and he and his successors in office to safely keep and pay to the legal agent of school district number two in the town of Madison in this state, the coupon in trust on said bond as it becomes due till the maturity of said bond, and after that time to pay to said school agent five per cent. interest on the amount of said bond for all time to come.

Madison,
school district
No. 2 in, in
favor of.

Approved March 25, 1863.