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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1864.

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Chapter 346.

CHAP. 346.

Resolve relating to foreign emigration.

WHEREAS, the strength and prosperity of a state depend immediately upon its population ; and Preamble.

WHEREAS, the present national conflict has diverted large numbers of the industrious and valuable men of Maine from the peaceful pursuits of private life to the public service, thereby materially diminishing activity in the important departments of mechanical and agricultural employments, the restoration of which would be of incalculable profit to the state ; and

WHEREAS, this can in no other way be so surely and advantageously secured as by foreign immigration ; therefore,

Resolved, That this state will pay to the Foreign Emigrant Association of Maine for each able-bodied foreign emigrant from northern Europe, between the ages of fifteen and fifty years, whom they shall within the next five years introduce into this state, and cause to remain for the period of one year after such introduction, without becoming chargeable to any town of this state as a pauper, the sum of twenty-five dollars, to be paid by the governor upon said association furnishing to the governor and council satisfactory evidence that the foregoing conditions have been complied with.

Foreign Emigrant Association, in aid of.

Approved March 24, 1864.

Chapter 347.

Resolve in relation to the reciprocity treaty.

Resolved, As the sentiment of the people of Maine, that sound policy and enlarged statesmanship dictate a judicious effort to secure just and equal intercommunication of trade between all the countries of North America, and that it is the interest of this state as well as of the whole country to cultivate friendly relations with the provinces of British North America by such regulations as shall ensure equal and advantageous reciprocity between the inhabitants of those provinces and the citizens of the United States, and for that end it is the duty of the federal government, while abrogating the existing treaty, to propose, and if possible secure, such new agreements and stipulations as will remove the objections that have been developed by experience, and more perfectly secure the objects had in view when the present treaty was entered into, said treaty having operated with peculiar hardship upon the interests of Maine.

Reciprocity treaty, in relation to.

Approved March 24, 1864.