

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1864.

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CHAP. 366. and will be directly benefitted by the extension of railways to the northeastern frontier and to the lower British Provinces; and

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Maine are desirous of securing a military railroad from the city of Bangor to the northeastern boundary, and of obtaining aid from congress toward the accomplishment of said undertaking, and the State of Maine proposes to grant all the aid in its power to the parties who shall carry out said work, and assign to the European and North American Railway Company all its claims on the United States government which accrued prior to the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and sixty; and

WHEREAS, these claims are of little or no value in the present aspect of public affairs, but may be made useful as an inducement to aid a work of military necessity; and

WHEREAS, the military necessities of the country now call for a railroad from Bangor to the St. John river, and the general government, through the officer in charge of the military department of the east, has expressed an earnest opinion in favor of this measure; therefore,

Massachusetts invited to co-operate with Maine in aid of railway.

Resolved, That the Commonwealth of Massachusetts be respectfully invited to co-operate with Maine in its efforts to construct said railroad, and for this purpose to assign and transfer the claims jointly held by her with Maine on the government of the United States, to aid the construction of the European and North American Railway from the city of Bangor to the St. John river and to the boundary of New Brunswick; and also the unpaid balance of the bonds or certificates of indebtedness given by the State of Maine, as the consideration of the purchase of said lands, dated October fifth, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, now amounting to two hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars and interest.

Commissioners may be appointed.

Resolved, That the governor be authorized and requested to appoint three commissioners for this state to present this application to the authorities of Massachusetts.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions be transmitted by his excellency the governor of Maine to the governor of the commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Approved March 25, 1864.

Chapter 366.

Resolve to enable the state to meet any further call for troops.

Loan authorized.

Resolved, That in view of the possibility of another call for troops by the president of the United States, and to provide for

any contingency that may arise during the recess of the legislature, requiring the expenditure of money by this state, the treasurer with the advice of the governor is hereby authorized to negotiate a temporary loan not exceeding one million dollars on a term of time not exceeding twelve months ; *provided*, that any such call or contingency should arrive. Proviso.

Approved March 25, 1864.

Chapter 367.

Resolve in favor of the widow of Colonel Hiram Chapman, late land agent.

Resolved, That the sum of three hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to defray expenses of attendance while in health, expenses during sickness, medical attendance and funeral charges incurred on account and in behalf of said Hiram Chapman, deceased.

Hiram Chapman, in favor of the widow of.

Approved March 25, 1864.

Chapter 368.

Resolve relating to the state assuming liabilities of cities, towns and plantations in paying bounties.

Resolved, That in the opinion of the legislature of Maine, the principle of paying bounties to our citizens for military service has been approved by the people of this state, as less objectionable under the circumstances that have surrounded them, than filling the quotas of this state under the several calls of the president by draft, and having adopted this principle as wise and expedient, it seems to be generally conceded that the burden should fall equally upon the property of all sections of our state ; therefore in the judgment of this legislature the legislature of Maine at a future session should pass an act assuming by the state such liabilities, unless congress shall take such action in the premises as to give reasonable assurance that said liabilities will be assumed and paid by the general government.

Bounties, in relation to assuming by the state the liabilities of cities, &c.

Approved March 25, 1864.