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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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GOVERNOR CONY'S MESSAGES.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

The order calling upon the Governor to inform you what action has been taken under the provisions of a resolve passed at the last session of the Legislature and approved March 25, 1863, entitled "a resolve relating to a College for the benefit of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts," is before me.

In reply, I herewith communicate copies of the letter of Governor Coburn to the President of the United States accepting the grant, and the response thereto from the commissioner of the general land office, which exhaust the entire action upon the subject so far as known to me.

SAMUEL CONY.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, }
January 26, 1864. }

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
Augusta, February 2, 1864. }

*To the President of the Senate
and Speaker of the House of Representatives:*

I have this day received an official dispatch announcing that the President of the United States has issued an order calling for 500,000 troops. That order is as follows, viz:

EXECUTIVE MANSION, }
Washington, February 1, 1864. }

Ordered, That a draft of 500,000 men, to serve for three years or during the war, be made on the 10th of March next, for the military service of the United States; crediting and deducting therefrom so many as have been enlisted or drafted into the service prior to the first day of March, and not heretofore credited.

Signed,

ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

The construction of this order by the Provost Marshal General declares it to be a call for 200,000 men additional to the call that was made in October last.

The quotas have not yet been assigned to the States, but as doubtless, they will be put upon the same basis as the last, there is no necessity that we should delay in making provision to meet this requisition, it being safe to assume that the proportion for Maine will be between 5,000 and 6,000. In fact there is no time to be lost, the 10th day of March is close at hand, and the people of Maine do not wish to expose themselves to a draft. In this emergency, I would respectfully suggest that the Legislature provide for the payment of an adequate and uniform bounty from the treasury of the State. It is of the utmost importance that dispatch be used in arranging our legislation to conform to this new exigency.

Maine has met all previous calls with perfect good faith and promptitude. She will not now turn her back on her past history.

I cannot doubt that all magistrates, legislators and citizens will set themselves vigorously at work to put this quota in the field, for it is not to be questioned that at no period since the outbreak of the rebellion has there been a time when so small an additional number of men could be so efficient in bringing this conflict to a termination.

SAMUEL CONY.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
Augusta, February 9, 1864. }

*To the President of the Senate and
Speaker of the House of Representatives:*

I have the honor to lay before you a communication from the Hon. Francis O. J. Smith. The purpose of Mr. Smith will be best learned from the document itself.

It relates to a subject deeply interesting to a large class of the citizens of Maine, viz: The establishment of a Primary Agricultural College.

The wise liberality of Mr. Smith in his proposition to donate a handsome estate in furtherance of that object is such as will challenge the thanks of the Legislature in behalf of the people of Maine.

SAMUEL CONY.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

In compliance with an order of the Senate and House of Representatives, requesting me to transmit the reports of the agents of the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy tribes of Indians, I herewith transmit the report of the agent of the Penobscots. No report has

been received for the year 1863 from the agent of the Passamaquoddy Indians.

Respectfully your obedient servant,
SAMUEL CONY.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, }
February 19, 1864. }

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
Augusta, March 4, 1864. }

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I have the honor to communicate for the information of the Legislature, that the Land Scrip issued for the benefit of the Agricultural College in this State under the law of the United States, amounting to about two hundred and fifty thousand acres, has been received.

SAMUEL CONY.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
Augusta, March 15, 1864. }

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I am under the painful necessity of communicating to you the melancholy tidings that Hon. Hiram Chapman, Land Agent of the State, deceased at his boarding house in this city early this morning.

SAMUEL CONY.