

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

FORTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1865.

Published by the Secretary of State, agreeably to Resolves of June 28, 1820,
February 26, 1840, and March 16, 1842.

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RESOLVES
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE.

1865.

Chapter 373.

Resolve in relation to the reciprocity treaty.

Resolved, That our senators in congress be instructed, and our representatives requested to use their utmost efforts to have the required notice given for the abrogation of the present reciprocity treaty with the British provinces, at the earliest possible moment.

Senators and
representatives
in congress, &c.

Approved January 23, 1865.

Chapter 374.

Resolves relating to an amendment of the constitution of the United States prohibiting slavery.

Resolved, That the people of Maine, believing that the institution of slavery is the chief obstacle to an early and permanent pacification of the country, and impressed with the conviction that our duty to God and our fellow man demands that so foul a blot should be removed from every rod of the soil of the American Republic, are ardently desirous that congress should immediately submit to the several states a proposition to amend the constitution of the United States so as to abolish slavery, in the confident hope that the amendment will be ratified by the requisite number of states, and that thereby the source of our national woes and the stigma on our national fame may be constitutionally removed, and the blessings of a substantial peace, a real Union, and a strong nationality secured.

Amendment of
the constitution
of the U. S., in
relation to.