

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

## FORTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

## STATE OF MAINE.

1865.

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**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.

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**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.

**CHAP. 375.**

Copies of resolve to be transmitted to senators, &c.

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolves be transmitted to our senators and our representatives in congress, and that they be requested to omit no efforts to secure the early passage of the resolution, providing for a submission of the proposed amendment of the constitution, to the several states.

Approved January 27, 1865.

**Chapter 375.**

Resolve for the relief of Nathan Weston.

Land agent authorized to convey certain lands to Nathan Weston.

*Resolved*, That the land agent be and he is hereby authorized to convey to the said Weston, the interest of the state in the southwest quarter of township number eight, range seven, west of the east line of the state, which has been forfeited, upon such terms and conditions as in his judgment may be for the interest of the state.

Approved January 31, 1865.

**Chapter 376.**

Resolve authorizing the governor and council to audit and settle the claim of Edward Sands.

Edward Sands, in favor of.

*Resolved*, That the governor and council be and hereby are authorized, without the usual vouchers, to audit and settle the claim of Edward Sands for sums paid out by him while acting as quartermaster of the Lewiston Light Infantry, during the time in which said company were responding to the order of Gov. Coburn placing them at the disposal of the United States authorities for the purpose of enforcing the enrolment act in July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, allowing said Sands on evidence that may be satisfactory to them, such sums as they may deem just and equitable.

Approved January 31, 1865.

**Chapter 377.**

Resolve in favor of Albert H. Sawyer.

A. H. Sawyer, in favor of.

*Resolved*, That the governor and council be authorized to audit the claims of Albert H. Sawyer, of Calais, for moneys paid out and