

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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GOVERNOR CONY'S MESSAGES.

To the Senate and House of Representatives :

I herewith lay before you for your consideration, a copy of a Joint Resolution of the Legislature of Vermont, upon the subject of Sea Fish, received by me from His Excellency, Governor Smith.

SAMUEL CONY.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
Feb. 2, 1865. }

To the Senate and House of Representatives :

I have the honor to lay before you an official copy of "a resolution submitting to the Legislatures of the several States, a proposition to amend the Constitution of the United States," adopted by Congress.

By the proposed amendment, slavery or involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime, is forever prohibited in the United States, or in places subject to their jurisdiction. Your ratification thereof, is invoked.

I congratulate the people of this State that the time has arrived, when, in a legitimate and constitutional method, a subject which has so long been the exciting cause of angry discussion and at last was made the pretext for plunging the nation into a bloody and fratricidal war attended with unutterable woes, may be finally put at rest.

I congratulate you personally, that in your character as the Constitutional Representatives of the people of Maine, the felicity is vouchsafed to you, to give effect to their will by voting for the extirpation of a system utterly at variance with every other human institution, offensive to the best instincts of our species, founded on disregard of the first principles of human justice and in violation of the laws of God.

SAMUEL CONY.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
Feb. 6, 1865. }

To the House of Representatives:

Replying to an order adopted by you on the fourth day of February instant, calling upon the Governor to communicate "what action, if any, has been taken to accomplish a reduction of the quota of Maine under the last call of the President for recruits," I have the honor to inform you that I am in correspondence with the authorities at Washington upon this subject.

SAMUEL CONY.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
Feb. 7, 1865. }

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith lay before you, a copy of a letter from Hon. Justin S. Morrill to the President of the United States, forwarded to me by the Secretary of State, in relation to an act of Congress authorizing the President to "invite each State to provide and furnish statues in marble or bronze, not exceeding two in number for each State, of deceased persons who have been citizens thereof and meritorious for their historic renown, or from distinguished civil or military services, such as each State shall determine to be worthy of this national commemoration, to be placed in the old Hall of the House of Representatives in the Capitol of the United States."

This extract from the law of Congress discloses fully the object of the communication. It rests with you to make provision for accomplishing the same, in behalf of the State of Maine, that she may be represented in this National Gallery.

SAMUEL CONY.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
Feb. 12, 1865. }