

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

## FORTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1867.

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Resolve providing for an investigation of the management and condition of the Insane Asylum.

WHEREAS sundry rumors have been circulated and grave charges have been made in reference to the management of the Insane Asylum, both as regards the treatment and condition of the patients therein, and the conduct of its financial affairs; and whereas, the interests, both of the state and the institution, imperatively demand that such charges should be investigated and the truth or falsehood fully and clearly established; therefore

Commission of three to investigate affairs of Insane Asylum.

Duties of.

May send for persons and papers.

Compensation.

Governor to be notified of non-acceptance.

Vacancies, how filled.

*Resolved,* That a commission consisting of three competent and disinterested men who shall be citizens of this state, be appointed by the legislature, whose duty it shall be to forthwith inquire into and thoroughly investigate the condition, management and affairs of said Insane Asylum, including all official acts of its officers and subordinates, the treatment and condition of the patients therein, the disposition of the appropriations hitherto made by the state in favor of said institution, and the disbursement of all moneys and funds received from public or private sources, and for the furtherance of the object of this resolve, said commissioners are hereby authorized to send for persons and papers, to summon such witnesses and take such proof as may be necessary, to have free access to the institution at any and all times, and to all of its books, and to examine any patients therein, when in their judgment it is advisable, and make report in writing of their doings to the governor and council at as early a day as is practicable, which report shall be printed for the public use, and three copies thereof shall be forwarded to each member of the present legislature by the secretary of state. Said commission shall be nominated to the speaker of the house in manner as follows: By a committee of one from each county; said committee to be selected by the delegates in the senate and the house from the several counties, and by them reported to the speaker. The several commissioners shall be allowed such reasonable compensation for their services as the governor and council shall determine, which compensation, as well as the other necessary expenses of said commission, shall be paid from the treasury of the state.

*Resolved,* That the commissioners appointed shall notify the governor within sixty days from the passage of this resolve, of their acceptance of the duties imposed upon them, and if from non-acceptance or any other cause a vacancy shall occur in said commission, the governor and council are hereby authorized to fill the same.

Approved February 21, 1867.