

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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Chapter 172.**CHAP. 172.**

Resolve authorizing the completion of the state map.

Resolved, That the governor and council be authorized to complete the map constructed under the order of council, dated June twenty-five, eighteen hundred fifty-eight, "of the northern portion of the state," so as to include the southern portion thereof to the sea coast; and a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars is hereby appropriated for this purpose.

Map of northern portion of Maine, completion of authorized.

Approved March 1, 1867.

Chapter 173.

Resolve in favor of Charles A. Luce and Charles B. Seavey.

Resolved, That the governor and council be authorized and instructed to audit the claims of Charles A. Luce and Charles B. Seavey, for military services, and to allow them from the treasury the amount, if any, which may be found due them.

C. A. Luce, in favor of.

Approved March 1, 1867.

Chapter 174.

Resolve relative to the assumption by the state of the municipal war debts.

WHEREAS, the question of the assumption and equalization of the war debts of the cities, towns and plantations of this state has received the attention of several legislatures, and has the approval of a joint select committee of this legislature, provided the same be practicable, having a due regard to the principles of justice to all parties interested therein.

Resolved, That the governor and council be and they are hereby authorized and directed to apply to the justices of the supreme judicial court for their opinion upon the constitutional right and power of the state to assume and equalize such expenditures, or any part of them, and the governor and council shall appoint a commission of five persons who shall have full power to investigate and obtain all requisite information in regard to the expenditures of cities, towns and plantations for war purposes, with power to send for persons and papers, and shall thereafter establish some equitable basis for the assumption thereof, having due regard as far as practicable to the circumstances and considerations which have attended or affected the amount of said indebtedness, such as

Governor and council directed to obtain the opinion of justices of S. J. C.

Commission, power of.

Duties of commissioners.

CHAP. 175. private contributions and donations and the furnishing of representative substitutes, so called, and other similar causes which may have lightened the burdens of cities, towns and plantations, and such disadvantages as may have increased the burdens of towns. They shall also make particular inquiry in regard to cases in which extravagance, or lack of patriotism, or both, may have materially affected the amount of such expenditures, and shall exercise due regard to those cities, towns and plantations, which have paid no bounties, or have furnished a larger relative proportion without bounties.

Further duty of commissioners.

Resolved, That said commission be and is hereby directed to consider the propriety of an equitable equalization of such expenditures, by designating a specific sum, (not exceeding in the aggregate the gross amount of said expenditures as ascertained by the commission,) to be allowed for each man furnished from the several cities, towns and plantations upon their respective quotas, or such other basis as said commission believe to be most equitable.

Report of commissioners.

Resolved, That said commission shall give a full account and report of said inquiry, and furnish all the data whereby they are able to arrive at an equitable plan for assumption and equalization, and shall report the same for the action of the next legislature.

Expenses of commission, how paid.

Resolved, That to defray the expenses incurred in the execution of the above resolves, the governor be and is hereby authorized and directed to draw his warrant from time to time for said expenses, provided they are audited and allowed by the governor and council.

1,000 copies of opinion of justices and report of commissioners to be printed.

Resolved, That one thousand copies of the opinion of the supreme judicial court and the report of the commissioners be printed, and each member of the present legislature shall be entitled to one copy, and the remaining copies shall be reserved for the use of the next legislature.

Approved March 1, 1867.

Chapter 175.

Resolve in relation to the compensation of the two temporary clerks employed in the secretary of state's office during the present session of the legislature.

J. N. Hall and Z. A. Smith, in favor of.

Resolved, That J. N. Hall and Z. A. Smith, who have been employed as clerks in the office of the secretary of state during the present session of the legislature, shall be allowed for their services the same pay as allowed the clerks of the house for the session, and travel.

Approved March 1, 1867.