

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

FORTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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GOVERNOR CHAMBERLAIN'S MESSAGES.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
Augusta, January 10, 1867. }

To the Senate and House of Representatives :

I have the honor herewith to lay before you for your action an official copy of a Joint Resolution of Congress proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

J. L. CHAMBERLAIN.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
Augusta, January 17, 1867. }

To the Senate and House of Representatives :

I herewith transmit for your consideration the Annual Report of the Railroad Commissioners for the year 1866.

J. L. CHAMBERLAIN.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
Augusta, January 21, 1867. }

To the President of the Senate :

In response to an order of the Senate calling for information as to "what agents have been employed the past four years to prosecute a settlement of our claims on the National Government, and what sums have been paid to each or any of them, also under what law or resolve they were appointed," I have the honor to reply that it appears from the files of this department, that no other person has been appointed for the purpose and within the time specified, except Joseph H. Manley, Esq., who was employed by Governor Cony on the 30th day of August, 1866, under the following letter of instructions :

JOSEPH H. MANLEY, Esq.,

SIR:—Being desirous of putting the claims of the State of Maine against the government of the United States, in train of settlement before the close of my administration, I hereby charge you with the duty of proceeding to Washington for that purpose. You will use your best endeavors to accomplish that

object, corresponding with me to make known any deficiency in the testimony, to the end that the same may be supplied, if practicable. As the time is brief, you will press the matter with energy.

Your necessary expenses will be paid and a reasonable *per diem* compensation for your services will be allowed, to be fixed by the Governor and Council or by the Legislature; but in no case will a claim for commissions on the amount obtained, be admitted.

Respectfully yours,

(Signed)

SAMUEL CONY, *Governor.*

This, I assume to have been done under the general authority with which the Governor is charged to look after the interests of the State. Mr. Manley has received one hundred dollars, which was paid from the appropriation for war purposes.

At my entrance upon office, I requested Hon. Samuel Cony to take charge of the prosecution of this claim upon the same general principles and terms as those indicated in the foregoing letter of instructions.

J. L. CHAMBERLAIN.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
Augusta, January 22, 1867. }

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I have the honor to transmit for your consideration a letter from His Excellency, the Governor of Wisconsin, with accompanying documents, referring to the proposed improvements in the navigation of the Fox and Wisconsin rivers, with a view to facilitate the transportation of grain.

J. L. CHAMBERLAIN.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
Augusta, March 1, 1867. }

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I transmit herewith a list of the acts and resolves passed during the present session of the Legislature and approved by me, numbering 307 acts and 107 resolves. I have no further communication to make.

J. L. CHAMBERLAIN.