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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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**Chapter 195.****CHAP. 195.**

Resolve relating to the title to the Grassy Islands and Fishways at Oldtown Falls.

*Resolved*, That the attorney general of this state is hereby authorized and directed to commence, in the supreme judicial court, in and for the county of Penobscot, a suit or bill in equity, in the name of the Penobscot tribe of Indians, in order to settle the title to the Grassy Islands, in Penobscot river, and the Fishways, at Oldtown Falls, in said river, and to prosecute the same to final judgement, after notice has been given to all parties interested in said islands and said fishway. And for all purposes of said suit, said Penobscot tribe of Indians, shall be considered as properly parties in court, and the judgment or decree of said court, as affecting the title to said islands and fishway, and its construction of the treaties referring to the same, shall be final and conclusive.

Title to Grassy islands and fishways directed to be settled by suit.

Approved February 5, 1868.

**Chapter 196.**

Resolve in favor of Elizabeth S. Dolley, and the children of the late William F. Dolley.

*Resolved*, That the land agent be instructed to deed lot number eighty-two, in township number fourteen, range four, to Elizabeth S. Dolley, and the children of the late William F. Dolley, without doing further settling duties, reserving all the rights that John Goddard has to timber on said lot.

Elizabeth S. Dolley, in favor of.

Approved February 8, 1868.

**Chapter 197.**

Resolves relating to the shipping interest of Maine.

WHEREAS, It has been shown by the committee, appointed by the senate and house of representatives in legislature assembled, to take into consideration so much of the governor's message as relates to the shipping interest, that the ships in this state have decreased over one-half since the year eighteen hundred and sixty, and that foreign tonnage has taken their place, carrying that proportion of our exports and imports, and that owing to the heavy duties and impositions on ships, and materials entering into their construction, thereby enchancing their value, so that we cannot successfully compete in the carrying trade with ships of

Preamble.

**CHAP. 197.** other nations, and feeling that if we would retain our commercial importance, and our prestige as a first class naval power, our shipbuilders must be placed on an equal footing with those of other nations; therefore,

*Resolved*, That we deem it a duty we owe to the state and to the nation, to urge upon congress the necessity of so legislating as to relieve the shipping interest of some of the burdens under which it is laboring.

Relief for shipbuilders.

*Resolved*, That our senators and representatives in congress are hereby respectfully requested to procure, if possible, a drawback of all revenue and protective tariffs, including excise taxes paid upon materials entering into the construction and equipment of ships, together with tonnage dues.

Registration of foreign ships.

*Resolved*, That we are opposed to any legislation that would permit foreign built ships to be registered with the same privileges as American built ships, driving, as it would, our ship mechanics from the country, or compel them to seek other employment, when, if the tax was removed, ships could be built here (on a gold basis) as cheaply as in other countries.

*Resolved*, That we do not consider it expedient to discriminate between goods imported in our own ships and those of other nations, with whom we have treaties of reciprocity; equality is all our shipping interest requires, and discrimination would produce retaliation.

Pilotage.

*Resolved*, That while some of our ship owners and masters complain of the excessive amount of pilotage levied by the pilots of some of our ports, we would suggest, while the navigation laws are under consideration, whether an act could not be framed regulating our pilotage, so that no more than a fair and just compensation could be exacted; also,

Treatment of seamen.

*Resolved*, That the present system of shipping seamen, and the impositions practiced by sailor landlords and runners, is oppressive both to sailor and master, and legislation is much needed to regulate their treatment, and to protect master and owner from their gross impositions.

Cotton tax.

*Resolved*, That we deem the cotton tax an obstacle to a successful competition with other countries, who turned their attention to its cultivation during the war. Therefore if we would again supply the manufacturers of the world with this staple, the tax must be removed, and encouragement given to its cultivation, which would give employment to our ships.

*Resolved*, That the governor be requested to send a copy of these resolves, and accompanying statement of facts, to each of our senators and representatives in congress.

Approved February 8, 1868.