

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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OF THE

FORTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1870.

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CHAP. 107.**Chapter 107.**

Resolves relating to the claims of Maine against the United States for interest on advances made by Massachusetts in the war of eighteen hundred and twelve—fifteen.

Claims against
United States,
relative to.

Resolved, That the justice of the claim of Massachusetts and Maine to the payment of interest upon their advances to the United States during the war of eighteen hundred twelve and fifteen, with Great Britain, cannot be questioned, after the payment of interest to every other state which made such advances during that struggle; and now that peace and prosperity are restored to the country, Maine confidently expects that this claim will be recognized and provided for.

Resolved, That the appropriation by Massachusetts and Maine of the proceeds of this claim to the construction of a work of the first national importance—the connection of the railroad system of the United States with that of the adjacent maritime provinces of Great Britain, and upon the payment of which depends its completion, cannot fail to be appreciated by their sister states; and especially the patriotism and public spirit of Massachusetts in setting apart her means to a work far removed from her borders, deserves grateful acknowledgment from the country.

Resolved, That the extension of American railroads to the eastern and northern frontiers of Maine, although important to the defence of this state, are still more important to the United States, by the command which they will give over the military lines of communication between Halifax and the valley of the St. Lawrence.

Resolved, That, when the money and lands of the republic have been profusely appropriated for the construction of railroads west of the Alleghanies, while nothing has been so appropriated east of them, it is with regret and concern that this state has witnessed the delays in responding to her claims, not for a gratuity, but for the payment of a debt of undeniable justice, devoted by her to a work of national importance, and the liquidation of which is asked for only upon the same principles which have governed in the settlements of the United States with all the states, for military advances during the Revolutionary war, the war of eighteen hundred and twelve—fifteen, and the war with Mexico.

Resolved, That the governor be requested to communicate a copy of these resolves to our senators and representatives in congress.

Approved February 11, 1870.