

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

# FIFTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

OF THE

# STATE OF MAINE.

1872.

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## CHAP. 85.

European markets; the most serious, indeed the only serious obstacle to the speedy consummation of that enterprise by way of the great lakes, river St. Lawrence and lake Champlain, exists at Niagara falls;

AND WHEREAS, Another movement has been inaugurated by the late commercial convention, held in the state of Michigan in December last, to invoke the assistance of the general government to break down that rocky barrier existing between lakes Erie and Ontario as speedily as possible, therefore be it

*Resolved*, That congress be requested to make an appropriation at its present session for the construction of a canal around the falls of Niagara, on the American side, of the maximum capacity of the lakes, as speedily as can be done consistent with the best interest of the whole country.

*Resolved*, That our senators and representatives in congress be requested to use their best efforts to secure such an appropriation at the present session.

*Resolved*, That duly authenticated copies of this preamble and resolutions be transmitted to the president of the United States, the president of the senate and speaker of the house of representatives, with request that they lay them before their respective houses, and to each of our senators and representatives in congress.

Approved February 29, 1872.

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## Chapter 85.

Resolves in relation to our ship building and mercantile interests.

*Resolved*, That our senators in congress be instructed, and our representatives requested, to press upon the immediate attention of that body, the passage of an act allowing to the builder of any ship, vessel or steamer, a drawback equal to the duty paid upon all the articles entering into the construction of said ship, vessel or steamer; and that all provisions and supplies necessary for repairs or equipment of said vessels or steamers may be taken out of bond under the regulations of the treasury.

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

Approved February 29, 1872.

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Niagara falls  
requested.

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Authenticated  
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tions be forwarded  
to certain authori-  
ties in congress.

Drawback on  
ship materials,  
in favor of.