

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

FIFTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1874.

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CHAP. 257.**Chapter 257.**

Resolve in favor of Thomas Lovely.

Thomas Lovely,  
in favor of.

*Resolved*, That the land agent be and he is hereby authorized to deed to Thomas Lovely, the northwest quarter of section sixty-nine, in Mapleton plantation, without requiring performance of settling duties.

Approved February 28, 1874.

**Chapter 258.**

Resolve in aid of building bridge over Little Madawaska river, in township letter K, range two.

Bridge in Letter  
K, R. 2, in aid of.

*Resolved*, That the sum of one thousand dollars is hereby appropriated to be expended under the direction of the land agent, to aid in building a bridge over Little Madawaska river in township K, range two.

Approved February 28, 1874.

**Chapter 259.**

Resolve in favor of the joint standing committee on the reform school.

Committee on  
reform school, in  
favor of.

*Resolved*, That the state treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to pay to S. Lothrop the sum of forty-seven dollars and twenty-five cents, the same being for expenses incurred by the committee visiting the reform school February tenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-four.

Approved February 28, 1874.

**Chapter 260.**

Resolves relating to the United States arsenal at Augusta, Maine.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, The State of Maine is a frontier state with a long line of boundary bordering on the territory of a foreign government with extensive sea coast, unequalled by the coast of any other of the United States, and from her salient and isolated position is exposed, in case of war, to inroads by land and attacks by water; and WHEREAS, the arsenal at Augusta was established as a depot for the safe keeping of arms and munitions of war, and for the fabrication of military supplies for the defence of this distant

part of the country, which is so exposed and is so liable in case of war to become the seat of war ; AND WHEREAS, the nearest United States arsenal is at Watertown, Mass., two hundred miles from the central part of this state, and the water communication between it and the state is liable to be interrupted by an enemy, and was, during the war of eighteen hundred and twelve, cut off, and as our connection by railroad is chiefly along the margins of navigable rivers, and near the sea-coast ; AND WHEREAS, during the late war, a large quantity of arms and ordnance deposited at said arsenal, and large amount of military supplies prepared at the same, were sent forward, expeditiously, to the seat of war, as the same were needed, rendering important service at a particular juncture in our national affairs ; and WHEREAS, the buildings and land connected with and constituting the arsenal, will be of little value for any other purpose than an arsenal, and the same, at a small expense, can be converted into an arsenal of construction, with steam or water for a motive power ; AND WHEREAS the secretary of war, in his last report, has recommended the sale of said arsenal grounds and buildings, with others of minor importance, and a bill has been introduced into the United States senate, having for its object the abandonment of said arsenal, and directing the sale of the same, *therefore* :

*Resolved*, That, in the opinion of this legislature, a proper regard for the military defence of this state and of this part of the United States, requires the continued maintenance of the said arsenal at Augusta.

Continuance of arsenal at Augusta.

*Resolved*, That our senators and representatives in congress, be requested to use their influence to prevent the abandonment and sale of said arsenal by congress, and that they present to congress the advantages of changing the same to an arsenal of construction.

U. S. arsenal at Augusta, to prevent abandonment of.

*Resolved*, That the secretary of state forward a copy of these resolutions to each of our senators and representatives in congress.

Approved March 3, 1874.

## Chapter 261.

Resolve in favor of John B. Trafton.

*Resolved*, That the claim of John B. Trafton against the state, on account of services and disbursements by his deceased father, under direction of the land agent, be and hereby is referred to the governor and council, with authority to examine and adjudicate thereon, and if anything is found due said Trafton to satisfy the

John B. Trafton, in favor of.