

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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GOVERNOR DINGLEY'S MESSAGES.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Augusta, February 10, 1874. }

To the Senate and House of Representatives :

In response to a joint order calling upon the Executive "to give the name of each officer and employee of the State Prison and State Reform School, and the compensation paid to each for the year 1873 and for each year for the past twenty years," I have the honor to transmit the accompanying tabular statement covering so much of the information called for as can be ascertained from documents on file. So far as the State Prison is concerned, this information is complete ; but the records of the Reform School prior to 1866 were destroyed in the office of the then Chairman of the Board of Trustees, in the great fire in Portland in that year.

NELSON DINGLEY, JR.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Augusta, February 10, 1874. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

I have the honor to transmit the report of Hon. A. W. Paine, Tax Commissioner, appointed under a resolve approved January 16, 1874.

NELSON DINGLEY, JR.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Augusta, February 14, 1874. }

To the President of the Senate :

I return herewith bill entitled "An act in addition to chapter 90 of the Revised Statutes, in relation to the discharge of mortgages," being unable to give the same my official approval so long as it contains a provision that it shall take effect immediately. Acts of a private nature, affecting only those few persons who have had notice after pendency of such legislation, may safely take effect on approval ; but, unless there is some overshadowing reason to the contrary, laws of a public nature, affecting the interests of the

people of the whole State, who for the most part cannot be aware of the existence of new legislation until it is officially promulgated, should be left to the operation of the rules of construction established by the Revised Statutes, which provides that, unless otherwise indicated, laws shall not go into effect until thirty days after the adjournment of the Legislature passing them.

NELSON DINGLEY, JR.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
Augusta, February 17, 1874, }

To the Senate and House of Representatives :

I have the honor to transmit to the Legislature the accompanying communication from Hon. Wm. A. Richardson, Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, requesting such additional legislation as may be considered necessary for the cession to the general government of jurisdiction over the site of light-houses, beacons and other aids to navigation, within the limits of this State.

NELSON DINGLEY, JR.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
Augusta, March 4, 1874. }

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 343 Acts and 113 Resolves.

I have no further communication to make.

NELSON DINGLEY, JR.