

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

FIFTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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## GOVERNOR CONNOR'S MESSAGES.

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }  
Augusta, January 10, 1877. }

*To the President of the Senate  
and Speaker of the House of Representatives:*

In conformity to the provisions of Section 2, Part 1st, Article V, of the Constitution, I herewith communicate a list embracing every case of reprieve, remission of penalty, commutation or pardon granted by me in the year 1876, and stating the name of the convict, the crime of which he was convicted, the date of the reprieve, remission, commutation or pardon, and the conditions, if any, upon which the same was granted.

SELDEN CONNOR.

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }  
Augusta, February 3, 1877. }

*To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:*

In compliance with the order of the House of Representatives, I have the honor to communicate the information requested in regard to the jail workshops authorized by Chapter 133 of the Public Laws of 1873, in the enclosed tabular statement.

SELDEN CONNOR,

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }  
Augusta, February 6, 1877. }

*To the Senate and House of Representatives:*

I have the honor to transmit herewith the report of the United States Centennial Commissioners for this State, who, in conjunction with the Directors appointed by the Governor, constituted the State Board of Centennial Managers.

The success of the International Exhibition in celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the Independence of the United States, is universally conceded, and amply justifies the pride and gratification with which the whole country regards its grand commemorative holiday season.

Viewed as a National Celebration, the Exhibition tended to strengthen the bonds of amity by which our country seeks to be connected with all the nations of the earth, to revive and confirm the sentiment of nationality among our own people, and to mitigate the effects of recent estrangement. As a display of the samples of their material wealth and of the best results of their labor and art presented by the various countries of the world, it was a rare means of instruction and a prolific source of the highest enjoyment to the multitudes that thronged to it from all parts of the land. The stimulating and suggestive influence which it exercised upon the business and industrial energies of the country, is already plainly felt and cannot fail to lead to the most beneficial results to its material prosperity. New markets were disclosed which before were thought to be out of the reach of our competition, and the attention of American ingenuity and enterprise was called to new industries applicable to our circumstances and capable of prosecution on our own soil.

The detailed statement of exhibits and awards contained in the Commissioners' Report, shows that the contributions made by this State were many and important, and served to indicate the natural resources of the State, the variety and extent of its industries, and the character of its public schools.

Creditable as the part taken by the State in the Exhibition manifestly was, it is evident that, had the importance of the Exhibition and the advantages to be derived from a participation in it been more generally comprehended and foreseen, there would have been a far more liberal response to the appeals and efforts of the Board of Managers, and the products of our soil and manufactories would have had a greatly enlarged representation.

Acting upon the request of the Centennial Commission that some person be designated by me to deliver an Historical and Descriptive Address upon the subject of the State of Maine, at some time during the Exhibition, I invited Ex-Governor J. L. Chamberlain to perform that office, and an

address was accordingly delivered by him in November, near the close of the Exhibition.

I respectfully recommend that the address be requested of the author, and that provision be made for giving it the wide distribution deserved by its interest and value.

SELDEN CONNOR.

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT. }  
Augusta, February 9, 1877. }

*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 151 Acts and 89 Resolves.

I have no further communication to make.

SELDEN CONNOR.