

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

FIFTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1879.

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Chapter 153.

Resolve laying a Tax on the Counties of the State.

Resolved, That the sums annexed to the counties in the following schedule, are hereby granted as a tax on each county respectively, to be appropriated, assessed, collected and applied for the purpose of paying the debts and necessary expenses of the same, and other purposes ordered by law, to wit: Androscoggin, thirty thousand dollars; Aroostook, twelve thousand dollars; Cumberland, thirty-five thousand dollars; Franklin, seven thousand dollars; Hancock, thirteen thousand dollars; Knox, nineteen thousand dollars; Kennebec, thirty-three thousand dollars; Lincoln, eight thousand dollars; Oxford, eleven thousand dollars; Penobscot, forty-two thousand five hundred dollars; Piscataquis, five thousand dollars; Sagadahoc, sixteen thousand five hundred dollars; Somerset, ten thousand five hundred dollars; Washington, sixteen thousand dollars; Waldo, fourteen thousand five hundred dollars; York, twenty-six thousand dollars.

County tax.

Approved March 4, 1879.

Chapter 154.

Resolve in favor of the Secretary of the Senate.

Resolved, That there be paid from the treasury of the state, out of any money not otherwise appropriated, to Samuel W. Lane, secretary of the senate, for furnishing daily papers to members and officers of the senate, and for advertising legislative notices, the sum of seventy dollars.

Secretary of senate, in favor of.

Approved March 3, 1879.

Chapter 155.

Memorial to Congress.

Joint Resolutions in relation to the Navigation and Bridging of the rivers St. John and St. Francis, where said rivers are the line of boundary between the United States and the Dominion of Canada.

Resolutions concerning bridging rivers St. John and St. Francis.

Whereas, by the terms of the Ashburton treaty, concluded August nine, A. D., eighteen hundred and forty-two, at Washington, D. C., between the United States and Great Britain, the rivers St. John and St. Francis are declared the line of boundary between said nations at that place, from the monument at the source of the river St. Croix to the outlet of lake Pohenagamook, and

Preamble.

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Whereas, by article three of said treaty, it is agreed that the navigation of said rivers shall be free and open to both parties to said treaty, that all the produce of the forest in logs, lumber, timber, boards, etc., or of agriculture, grown on any of those parts of the State of Maine, watered by the river St. John or its tributaries, shall have free access into and through the said river and its said tributaries, having their source in the State of Maine to and from the seaport, at the mouth of the river St. John, and that when within the Province of New Brunswick said produce shall be dealt with, as if it were the produce of said Province, and like privileges to the inhabitants of the Province of New Brunswick, and

Whereas, a very large area of territory, in the northeastern part of the State of Maine, embracing more than one hundred and fifty townships and more than three million acres of land, a large portion of which is fertile and suitable and well adapted for agricultural purposes, and since the conclusion of said treaty, has been, and now is, in process of development, thereby largely benefiting the State of Maine, by increasing its population, as well as adding to the aggregate wealth of the State and nation, and

Whereas, this belt and tract of territory, larger than some of the states of our Union, by reason of its geographical location, has no other available outlet for the purposes of trade and commerce, except the said river St. John, by means of which only the citizens of said territory are now enabled to carry on mercantile and commercial intercourse with other parts of the state, and other states, and the world, and

Whereas, said rivers St. John and St. Francis, owing to the peculiar conformation of the lands in which they have their source and through which they flow, are subject to high and dangerous freshets, continuing for long periods, also at other periods of the year, to be filled with broken, floating ice, thereby closing this great commercial highway during said periods, thus shutting up and preventing all intercourse between the inhabitants of said territory and other parts of the state and other states, whereby the inhabitants of said territory suffer great loss in their business, and the settlement and development of all this rich and fertile agricultural domain is seriously hindered, if not ruined, and

Whereas, the province of New Brunswick has constructed a railroad from the city of St. John, at the mouth of the river St. John, up said river and skirting the boundary of the State of Maine in near proximity thereto, said railroad connecting with the European & North American railroad, leading into the State of Maine and other states, which first mentioned railroad, if made accessible to the inhabitants of that part of the territory of the State of Maine living on the lands adjacent to said rivers St. John and St. Francis would be of immense benefit to all the people thereof, to their property, their trade and commerce and to the people of the

State and United States as well as to the Province of New Brunswick, by furnishing business to their railroad and otherwise, and, CHAP. 156.

Whereas, all that is necessary to be done to accomplish the above named desirable objects, is to build certain bridges over and across said rivers St. John and St. Francis at proper points to be designated. Therefore;

Be it Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled; That our senators are instructed and our representatives in Congress are requested to use their best endeavors and influence to secure an appropriation of sixty thousand dollars as early as practicable, to aid in the building of four bridges, necessary approaches thereto with safety or ice piers, on the north-eastern boundary line of the State of Maine over the rivers St. John and St. Francis where they are the line of boundary between the United States and the Dominion of Canada as follows: One over the river St. John at Van Buren, one at Little Falls, one at Fort Kent, and one over the river St. Francis, near its junction with the river St. John. Resolution.
Instructions and requests to members of congress.

Provided, that the Dominion of Canada, or the Province of New Brunswick will appropriate an equal amount in aid of the building of said bridges, necessary approaches and safety piers. Proviso.

Resolved, That the governor be requested to transmit to the Senate of the United States and to House of Representatives at Washington, and to each of the senators and representatives in Congress from this state, and to the Dominion Parliament, Government, Senate and House of Representatives at Ottawa, to the Government, Provincial Parliament, Legislative Council and House of Representatives of the Province of New Brunswick, at Fredericton, a certified copy of the foregoing memorial, preamble and resolution. Governor to transmit copies to members of congress and officials in Provinces.

Approved March 4, 1879.

Chapter 156.

Resolves for an investigation relating to the accounts and charges of Sprague, Owen and Nash for State Printing.

Resolved, That, whereas it has been charged by the National Democrat, that Sprague, Owen and Nash have charged and received from the state for printing, large amounts in excess of the prices specified in their several contracts with the state, the governor with the advice of the council, is hereby authorized and requested to appoint three commissioners, one of whom shall be a justice of the supreme judicial court of this state, and two shall be skilled and practical book-printers; one of whom shall be a repub- Accounts of Sprague Owen & Nash, for investigation of.

Three commis- sioners to be appointed by governor.