

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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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.

CHAP. 157.

Duty of commissioners.

lican and the other of some opposite political party, employing labor in that business, whose duty shall be to take all necessary and suitable measures to ascertain whether or not Messrs. Sprague, Owen and Nash have always been settled with and paid by the state for state printing in accordance with the contract for such printing in force at the time of settlement and payment, and specially whether or not that firm have been overpaid; if so, in what sum, when and under what circumstances; also whether or not that firm have failed to receive the full amount due under any of their contracts, if so in what sum and when; also whether or not the state has honestly and fairly carried out the provisions of the contract with that firm, made by the legislature of eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, and if not what damages, if any, that firm have suffered thereby.

Power to compel attendance of witnesses.

Resolved, Such commission shall have the power to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of papers, and shall make their report to the governor and council on or before the first day of August next, and at the same time shall deliver to Messrs. Sprague, Owen and Nash a copy of such report.

Report.

Resolved, If such commission shall report any sum due the state from Messrs. Sprague, Owen and Nash, the governor is hereby directed to take immediate measures to collect the same. If such commission shall report any sum due that firm either for contract work or as damages for any breach of contract then the governor is hereby authorized and directed to draw his warrant upon the treasury for payment of the same.

Approved March 4, 1879.

Chapter 157.

Joint resolutions relating to the termination of articles eighteen and twenty-one of the treaty of eighteen hundred and seventy-one with Great Britain.

Great Britain and United States treaty, termination of.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled: That justice to fishermen and to the fishing interests of the country, require that articles eighteen and twenty-one, of the treaty concluded between the United States and Great Britain on the eighth of May, of eighteen hundred and seventy-one, should be terminated at the earliest possible period.

Instructions to senators and requests to representatives.

Resolved, That we respectfully instruct our senators and request our representatives in congress to use all honorable means to accomplish the purposes indicated by the foregoing resolve.

Secretary of state to send copies.

Resolved, That the secretary of state be required to transmit a copy of these resolves to each of our senators and representatives in congress, and also a copy to the president of the United States.

Approved March 4, 1879.