

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

FIFTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1880.

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thousand eight hundred and eighty, be deposited in the office of the secretary of state, and that the same shall become, and be, the seal of this state. CHAP. 161

Approved February 6, 1880.

Chapter 161.

Resolve in favor of John Anderson of Island Falls.

Resolved, That the sum of thirty-three dollars and twenty cents with interest thereon, from November twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, be appropriated and paid to John Anderson of Island Falls, being for stumpage of timber cut on his lot and received by the State. John Anderson,
in favor of.

Approved February 9, 1880.

Chapter 162.

Resolves to provide for a State Valuation.

Resolved, That the governor is hereby authorized to immediately appoint a commission of sixteen persons, one of whom shall be taken from each of the counties in the state, to prepare a full, just and equal valuation of the estates, and an enumeration of the polls subject to be taxed, as a basis of taxation for state purposes, and to report the same to this legislature; *provided*, such valuation shall be completed during its present session, or an adjournment thereof, otherwise to report to the legislature of eighteen hundred and eighty-one. Valuation
commission
authorized.

Resolved, That the commissioners thus appointed shall hold their first session at the capitol at Augusta, immediately after their appointment, and shall proceed without delay to prepare said valuation, and shall sit at the same place without adjournment for more than two days at one time until the preparation of said valuation is completed, or until the final adjournment of this legislature. In case the report of this commission cannot be completed before said final adjournment, the same shall be made to the next legislature on the First session,
where held and
continuation.

Report, when to
be made.

CHAP. 162

Notice of session.

first day of its session. Said commissioners shall give such public notice of their session as they may deem proper, and also a printed notice mailed to the assessors of the several cities, towns and plantations, requiring them to appear personally with, or transmit to them immediately, unless the same have already been transmitted to the secretary of state, the several tax and valuation lists and lists of taxable polls of their several cities, towns and plantations, for the years eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, and eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, containing the estates and property taxable therein and the fair cash value of each kind of property therein enumerated, as required by law, and the correctness of said lists of taxable polls and estates and the valuation of the property therein enumerated for the year eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, shall be verified by the oath or affirmation of said several assessors or one of them. Said commissioners shall have power to summon before them and examine upon oath either of said assessors, any town or city officer, or other person, touching such lists and the amount and value of the taxable property in said several cities, towns and plantations, and all other matters connected therewith, and to require such person summoned to produce all records or other public documents relating thereto. If the assessors of any city, town or plantation, or one of them, shall fail to appear before said commission or transmit to them the lists above named within ten days after the mailing and publication of said notices, the said commissioners may in their discretion and upon such other information as they may obtain, report the valuation of the estates and property and lists of polls, liable to taxation in such city, town or plantation so in default, as they shall deem just and equitable.

Assessors may be summoned.

Commissioners may fix valuation where assessors are delinquent.

Land agent to give information in regard to wild lands.

Resolved, That the land agent be and is hereby required to immediately prepare and deliver to said commissioners full and accurate lists of all townships or parts of townships or lots or parcels of wild lands in this state sold and not included in the tax lists, whether conveyed or not conveyed, together with the fair value thereof, and to lay before said commissioners all information in his possession touching the value of wild lands when required by them so to do; also a statement of all lands on which timber has been sold, or a permit or right to cut timber has been sold or granted by lease or

otherwise, together with the fair value thereof. All other state officers shall in like manner lay all information in their possession, touching said valuation, before said commissioners when requested by them so to do.

CHAP. 163

Other state officers to give information.

Resolved, That the secretary of state shall immediately notify each of said commissioners of his appointment. A majority of said commissioners shall constitute a quorum. They may appoint a chairman from their number, and employ a suitable clerk to keep their records, and such other clerks as they deem necessary.

Secretary of state to notify commissioners.

Quorum and clerks.

Resolved, That the secretary of state furnish to said commissioners, for their use in preparing said valuation, all necessary stationery, blanks, blank-books, printed notices and summonses. That as a full compensation for services, said commissioners shall each receive from the state treasury three dollars per day whilst actually engaged in preparing said valuation and making their report thereon; and said clerks employed by said commissioners shall each in like manner receive not exceeding two dollars per day whilst actually employed in the duties of said commission. Said commissioners and clerks shall be allowed actual traveling expenses in once traveling to and returning from Augusta. The accounts of said commissioners and their clerks for services and travel shall be audited by the council, and when the same are approved by them the governor shall be authorized to draw his warrant upon the treasurer therefor.

Stationery, blanks, etc., to be furnished.

Compensation of commissioners, and clerks.

Traveling expenses.

Resolved, That these resolves take effect when approved.

Approved February 12, 1880.

Chapter 163.

Resolve for the purchase of a Safe for the Secretary of State's Office.

Resolved, That the secretary of state be authorized to purchase a fire and burglar proof safe, for use in his office, the price of which shall not exceed the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars.

Safe, for purchase of.

Approved February 12, 1880.