

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

SEVENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1903.

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## COMMUNICATIONS.

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### STATE OF MAINE.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

AUGUSTA, March 27, 1903.

*To the Honorable House of Representatives:*

I have examined the Resolve in favor of the town of Fort Kent, for the sum of \$1,500. I return the same herewith without my approval and desire to submit for your consideration some facts and figures in relation to State finances.

The estimated income of the State for 1903 is about \$2,100,000, and for 1904, approximately \$2,000,000, a total of \$4,100,000. Appropriations already made and pending aggregate over \$4,650,000, an excess above probable income of \$550,000, and an increase over the amount appropriated by the Seventieth Legislature for the years 1901 and 1902, of over \$800,000.

The amount of cash in the treasury, available for the payment of current obligations, is less than \$267,000, and nearly all will be required to meet necessary expenditures in excess of current revenues within the next three months. Of the above amount about \$44,000 is due the present Legislature on pay roll.

It is evident that unless appropriations now under consideration are materially reduced, the State treasurer will be compelled to make a temporary loan, and since the constitution does not permit the creation of a State debt in excess of \$300,000, except for war purposes, it seems to me most unwise to make any appropriations not absolutely required, which will result in the creation of a floating debt.

We should conduct the business of the State as we would our own affairs. The people demand and expect from us the same careful, prudent management which characterizes the administration of every successful private business, and that the promise of economy in public expenditures will be fulfilled.

Those who have been entrusted with the management of State matters will be held strictly responsible for any excessive or unwise appropriations. We can offer no excuse which will be considered a sufficient reason for a failure to do our whole duty in the fulfillment of the pledges which we have made, but the blame will rest upon us if we are faithless to our trust.

For the reasons here given, I submit this matter for your further consideration.

JOHN F. HILL.

## STATE OF MAINE.

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,  
AUGUSTA, March 28, 1903.

*To the President of the Senate and Speaker of the 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 663 acts and 148 resolves.

I have no further communication to make.

JOHN F. HILL.