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OF THE
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GOVERNOR PLAISTED'S MESSAGES.

STATE OF MAINE.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

AUGUSTA, January 19, 1911.

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

I have the honor to transmit herewith the report of the Commission for Enlargement of the State House, as provided by Chapter 156, Resolves of 1909.

FREDERICK W. PLAISTED.

STATE OF MAINE.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

To the Honorable Senate:

I have examined Senate Resolve No. 159, entitled "Resolve in favor of the Children's Hospital," and respectfully return the same herewith without my approval.

While I should be willing and pleased to sign a resolve for the purpose of giving reasonable assistance to this worthy institution, in view of the present financial condition of the State and in view of the amounts appropriated to other similar institutions by this Legislature, I deem the amount named in this resolve larger than I am justified in approving. I therefore respectfully decline to sign the resolve.

FREDERICK W. PLAISTED.

March 23, 1911.

STATE OF MAINE.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

AUGUSTA, March 27, 1911.

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

I have the honor to transmit the report of the commission created by act of the Legislature of 1909, entitled: "An Act Relating to the Scaling of Logs."

FREDERICK W. PLAISTED.

STATE OF MAINE.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

To the Honorable House of Representatives:

I have examined House Bill, No. 501, entitled "An Act additional to Chapter 144 of the Revised Statutes," and respectfully return the same herewith without my approval.

This Act would in effect make private hospitals of the Maine Insane Hospital and Eastern Maine Insane Hospital, public institutions already overcrowded with unfortunate wards of the State. These institutions are maintained for the benefit of the insane, not as homes for inebriates or persons addicted to the use of drugs. The passage of this Act would open the doors of these asylums to a class of persons who would otherwise be treated in private sanatoriums or be imprisoned in our jails and would inevitably lead to an enormous expenditure of money in the way of additional buildings and equipment. The State of Maine cannot afford to embark upon such a policy as the passage of this Act would compel. I therefore respectfully decline to sign this Act.

FREDERICK W. PLAISTED.

March 29, 1911.

STATE OF MAINE.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

To the Honorable House of Representatives:

I have examined House Bill, No. 629, entitled "An Act to Legalize Game Farming and Fish Farming in the State of Maine," and respectfully return the same herewith without my approval.

This act would create, under certain conditions to be prescribed by the Commissioners of Inland Fisheries and Game, private game preserves, unlimited in extent. The long settled policy of this State is to preserve its fish and game for the benefit of all its people. The ownership of our fish and game has been by our courts declared to be in the public. It would be unwise in the extreme to change this policy or to enact a law in contravention of the wise decisions of our courts. Should this act become law nothing would prevent the leasing of vast tracts of forest lands by clubs or corporations controlled by wealthy non-residents who would have no interest in the welfare of our State. These lands could be enclosed and the public excluded therefrom so that the hunting grounds of Maine, instead of being the great asset which they now are,

would become nothing but private game preserves, maintained for the benefit of the favored few. It would be difficult to conceive of legislation more obnoxious than this and less in accord with the spirit of our institutions. I therefore respectfully decline to sign this act.

FREDERICK W. PLAISTED.

March 29, 1911.

STATE OF MAINE.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

AUGUSTA, March 31, 1911.

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

I herewith transmit a list of the Acts and Resolves passed during the present session of the Legislature and approved by me, numbering five hundred Acts and two hundred and twenty-six Resolves.

I have no further communication to make.

FREDERICK W. PLAISTED.