

## About the Consolidated Table of Massachusetts Laws and Resolves, 1806-1820

- 1) **What is the Consolidated Table?** *The Consolidated Table is essentially a list of the contents—by title—of the published Massachusetts laws and resolves for the sessions from May 1806 through January 1820.*
- 2) **How is it arranged?** *The Consolidated Table is arranged by session, by law type (act or resolve), and finally by chapter. Where no chapter number is given, the item is placed where it falls in page sequence within the published volume.*
- 3) **Why don't you have the January 1806 laws and resolves?** *The Massachusetts political year opened in May, so the first session included here is for May 1806. The laws and resolves for January 1806 will be included with the 1805 political year.*
- 4) **What are the links and page numbers?** *The links are to the session of laws or resolves containing the named item. The page number is the first page on which reference to that item begins. Clicking on the link will open a PDF document for that session. Then you need to scroll down to the specific page where the reference begins.*
- 5) **What are the parenthetical entries following some of the item titles?** *Where a law or resolve makes specific reference to the District of Maine or a location within its boundaries, the location is pinpointed by the parentheticals. There will always be a parenthetical for "Maine" or "Partly Maine." If counties and municipalities can be identified specifically, they will also be included in separate parentheticals. In some cases, reference to general indications of locality—e.g., "Eastern Lands" or "Penobscot Indians"—are given.*
- 6) **Is this list searchable? How do I search it effectively?** *The table is fully searchable. If you are looking for a specific locality, you can do a "find" (Ctrl+F) and search by name within parentheses--e.g., "(Cumberland County)" or "(Hallowell)"--and the results will take you sequentially through the entries for that locality.*
- 7) **What if I want to browse laws or resolves for a particular time period?** *All of the sessions are linked from the home page for this collection: <http://www.maine.gov/legis/lawlib/lldl/oldmasslaws1806-1820.htm>.*
- 8) **What if I need to search by topic?** *The subject or general indexes originally published with the laws and resolves are included. If the index covers a single session, you can find it by clicking on the link for that session from the chart on <http://www.maine.gov/legis/lawlib/lldl/oldmasslaws1806-1820.htm>. Indexes are at the end of the file. However, if an index covers more than one session, e.g., Laws from May 1812 through January 1815, it will be listed separately in the chart. Searching these indexes will generally lead you to a page number that you can use to find materials within a desired session.*
- 9) **What if I have further questions?** *Contact the Law and Legislative Reference Library via their "[Ask A Law Librarian](#)" web form.*