

United States where it is examined, a state of the public mind highly unfavorable to that conciliatory temper and to that mutual confidence in the good intentions of each other, without which it is hopeless to expect a satisfactory result to controversies between nations.

Resolved, unanimately, if the senate concur, That the interest and the honor of Massachusetts alike demand a perseverance, not the less determined because it is temperate, in maintaining the rights of Maine. And that we now cheerfully repeat our often recorded response to her demand, that the justice which has been so long withheld should be speedily done to her; and that whilst we extend to her our sympathy for her past wrongs, we again assure her of our unshaken resolution to sustain the territorial rights of the union.

Resolved, unanimately, if the senate concur, That his excellency the governor be requested to transmit a copy of these Resolves, and the accompanying report, to the Executive of the United States, and of the several States; and to each of the senators and members of the house of representatives, from Massachusetts, in the congress of the United States. [*Approved by the Governor, March 13, 1841.*]

Course indicated to Massachusetts by her interest—her honor—

—her sense of justice—

and her sympathy for the wrongs of Maine.

Copies of these Resolves and the report to be transmitted to other States.

RESOLVES concerning the Survey and the Map of the State.

Chap. 43.

Resolved, That the sum of two thousand dollars be appropriated to defray the expense of completing the survey and projecting the map, until the first day of April next, and that warrants be drawn for so much of that sum as shall be necessary for that purpose.

\$2000 for completing survey and projection of map.

Resolved, That the offices created, and the salaries paid for said survey and map, shall wholly cease, and the work thereon stop, except as provided in the following Resolves, on and after the said first day of April next.

Certain offices and salaries to cease April 1st.

Resolved, That the governor and council are hereby authorized to contract, on the part of the State, with the persons now employed upon the said survey and map, or other suitable persons, for the completion of said survey, and the entire projection of the map in the manner pursued thus far, including the topography and the filling the blank spaces of the map, with the title, the trigonometrical survey, or such statistical or other information as the governor and council may direct: *provided*, the same may be completely finished, so that all the sheets of the map shall be entirely ready for engraving, for a sum not to exceed two thousand dollars, in addition to any unexpended balance of the sum appropriated by the first of these Resolves: *provided, also*, that it shall be a part of the contract, that the work shall be completely finished before the first day of January next, and shall not be paid for, in part or in whole, until the same is completely finished.

Governor and council authorized to contract for finishing survey and projection of the map.

The map under such contract to be ready for engraving by January 1st, for not more than \$2,000, and the unexpended balance.

Resolved, That the governor and council are hereby further authorized to contract, on the part of the State, for the engraving of the copperplates of said map: *provided*, they are of

Contract may also be made for engraving—

—at a cost not exceeding \$4,500.

opinion that the work thereon may be profitably begun in the course of the present year; and *provided, also*, that it shall be stipulated in the contract, that the whole work of said engraving shall be completely finished in the best manner, for a sum not to exceed four thousand and five hundred dollars. [*Approved by the Governor, March 13, 1841.*]

Chap. 44.

§36 62 for expense in arresting, &c. a person convicted and sentenced for adultery.

RESOLVE on the Petition of Caleb Rice.

Resolved, for reasons set forth in the said petition, that there be allowed and paid, out of the treasury of this Commonwealth, to Caleb Rice, the sum of thirty-six dollars and sixty-two cents, in full for expenses incurred in arresting a criminal, and that a warrant be drawn therefor. [*Approved by the Governor, March 13, 1841.*]

Chap. 45.

Authority to place a deaf and dumb child on the list of State beneficiaries, although under the age prescribed by the standing Law.

RESOLVE on the Petition of Amos Smith.

Resolved, That the governor and council be, and they are hereby authorized, to place Amos Smith, Jr., son of Amos Smith, of Cambridge, in the Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb, at Hartford, as one of the beneficiaries of this State; the expenses of his education therein to be paid from the general appropriation of this Commonwealth in aid of said institution. [*Approved by the Governor, March 16, 1841.*]

Chap. 46.

§188 88 bank tax remitted, between the date of a vote to close their concerns, and certificate of bank commissioners.

RESOLVE on the Petition of the East Bridgewater Bank.

Resolved, for reasons set forth in the said petition, that so much of the tax on the capital of the East Bridgewater bank, as accrued between the nineteenth day of March and the eighth day of May, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty, amounting to one hundred and eighty-eight dollars and eighty-eight cents, be and the same is hereby remitted, and the said bank is hereby discharged from the payment of the same. [*Approved by the Governor, March 16, 1841.*]

Chap. 47.

From the means by which the public lands were acquired, they should enure to benefit of all the States.

RESOLVES concerning the Public Lands.

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, That the public lands, having been acquired by the common sacrifices of the people of the several States which originally composed this Union, or purchased by appropriations from the public treasury, are the common property of all the States, and ought to enure to their common benefit.

A liberal policy to be sustained towards actual settlers.

Resolved, That the people of Massachusetts approve and will sustain a liberal policy towards the actual settler upon the public domain, in consideration of the hardships he endures, and the perils he encounters in subduing the wilderness; but that they cannot sustain or countenance such measures of preëmption as will offer the temptation and the opportunity of amassing individual fortunes by the sacrifice of the public property.

Certain measures of preëmption condemned.

Resolved, That in the disposition of the public lands, this Commonwealth approves of making liberal provisions in favor of the new States, and that she ever has been, and still is, ready to cooperate with other portions of the Union in securing to those

Liberal provision to be made to new States in disposal of the lands.