



DEFENCE OF MAINE.

RESOLUTIONS

OF

THE LEGISLATURE OF MAINE,

RELATIVE TO

*The defence of the seacoast and inland frontier of that State.*

MARCH 29, 1842.

Referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

RESOLUTIONS.

*Resolved*, That the exposed situation of the frontier and extensive coast of Maine; her large and increasing investments in agriculture, manufactures and commerce; the fact that a large portion of her territory is claimed by a foreign Power, and that her seaboard will be "the outward wall upon which the American standard will be first raised in the event of war," justify the State in again calling the attention of Congress to the subject, and demanding of them, in the exercise of their constitutional power and duty, "to provide, for the common defence," immediate and adequate appropriations for the defence of the State of Maine.

*Resolved*, That our Senators be instructed, and our Representatives be requested, to enforce upon Congress, in every constitutional mode, the necessity and importance of immediate appropriations for the purpose mentioned in the foregoing resolve.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, *March 18, 1842.*

Read and passed.

CHARLES ANDREWS, *Speaker.*

IN SENATE, *March 18, 1842.*

Read and passed.

S. H. BLAKE, *President.*

Approved March 18, 1842.

JOHN FAIRFIELD.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

*Augusta, March 28, 1842.*

I hereby certify, that the foregoing is a true copy of the original deposited in this office.

Attest:

P. C. JOHNSON, *Secretary of State.*

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

*Augusta, March 28, 1842.*

SIR: I have the honor, herewith, to transmit to you a copy of "Resolves relating to the defence of the seacoast and inland frontier of the State of Maine," adopted by the Legislature on the eighteenth instant, and would respectfully call your attention to the subject therein contained.

Your obedient servant,

P. C. JOHNSON, *Secretary of State.*

Hon. WM. PITT FESSENDEN,

*Washington, D. C.*

