

## STATE OF MAINE.

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A resolve, in relation to aggressions upon the North-Eastern Frontier of the State.

WHEREAS the sovereignty of this State has been repeatedly violated by the acts of the agents and officers of the Government of the British province of New-Brunswick, and that government, by its agents and officers, has wantonly and injuriously harrassed the citizens of this State, residing on the Northeastern frontier of the same, and within its limits, by assuming to exercise jurisdiction over them, in issuing and executing civil and criminal process against them, by which their property has been seized, and some of them arrested and conveyed out of the State, and subjected to the operation of the laws of that province ; in establishing military companies within the territory of this State ; imposing fines for neglect of military duty ; imposing upon our said citizens an alien tax, and requiring payment of the same ; and whereas, by the exercise of the aforesaid unwarranted acts of jurisdiction by the government of the said province, some of our citizens have been deprived of their liberty, their property destroyed, many of them driven from their lands and dwellings, the tranquillity and peace of all of them disturbed, and the settlement and population of that part of the State adjoining said province, greatly retarded, if not wholly prevented : therefore,

*Resolved*, That the present is a crisis, in which the government and people of this State, have good cause to look to the government of the United States for defence and protection against foreign aggression.

*Resolved further*, That if new aggressions shall be made by the government of the province of New-Brunswick upon the territory of this State, and upon its citizens, and

seasonable protection shall not be given by the United States, the Governor be, and he hereby is requested to use all proper and constitutional means in his power, to protect and defend the citizens aforesaid in the enjoyment of their rights.

*Resolved further*, That, in the opinion of this Legislature, the Executive of the United States ought, without delay, to demand of the British Government the immediate restoration of John Baker, a citizen of this State, who has been seized by the officers of the Province of New-Brunswick, within the territory of the State of Maine, and by them conveyed to Fredericton, in said Province, where he is now confined in prison, and to take such measures as will effect his early release.

*Resolved further*, That the Governor be, and he hereby is, authorized and requested, with the advice and consent of Council, from time to time, to extend to the family of the said John Baker, such relief as shall be deemed necessary; and he is hereby authorized to draw his warrant on the Treasury for such sum or sums as shall be required for that purpose.

*In the House of Representatives, Feb. 16, 1828.*

Read and passed.

JOHN RUGGLES, *Speaker.*

Attest, JAMES L. CHILD, *Clerk.*

*In Senate, Feb. 18, 1828.*

Read and passed.

ROBERT P. DUNLAP, *President.*

Attest, EBENEZER HUTCHINSON, *Secretary.*

February 18, 1828—Approved.

ENOCH LINCOLN.