

# ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

# GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND  
PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

AT THE

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 1956

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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND, ETC.  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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RESOLUTION authorizing the members and the reading and recording clerks of the general assembly, upon final adjournment of the legislature at its January session, 1956, to remove or have removed and take into their personal possession away from the respective legislative chambers to their homes or offices, all books, legal or otherwise, which have been assigned by desk number to the seat and desk, which each has occupied as his own during said session.

No. 154.  
H 1163  
Approved  
April 26, 1956.

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SENATE RESOLUTION upon the pardon of Marcel Payeur.

*Resolved*, That the senate hereby gives its advice and consent to the issuing of a pardon to Marcel Payeur, who was sentenced on June 1, 1937 to a term of 9 months on the charge of breaking and entering a building in the nighttime, in accordance with the recommendations of his excellency, the governor.

No. 155.  
S 481  
Passed  
in Senate  
April 10, 1956.

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List of State Prison Convicts noted in the Commitment & Discharge Ledger as having been pardoned, 1838 - 1900

Convict	Convict#	Age	Nativity	Sentenced	Charge	Sentence	Discharged
Marvin, Charles	# 13	21	Upper Canada	April 4, 1840	forgery	3 yrs.	Jan. 11, 1842, pardoned
Wilson, George	# 16	40	Bristol, RI	Sept. 11, 1840	breaking into meeting house	3 yrs.	Jan. 20, 1842, pardoned
Hazzard, Hannah	# 17 "fem."	21	Providence, RI	Sept. 24, 1840	burglary	5 yrs.	Jan. 16, 1843, pardoned
Rodman, Joseph	# 19	28	South Kingstown, RI	Nov. 20, 1840	burglary	5 yrs.	May 8, 1843, pardoned
Hall, John	# 23	20	Washington, DC	April 20, 1841	store breaking	2 yrs.	Jan. 16, 1843, pardoned
Gunn, Charles alias Green	# 49	23	Wrentham, MA	Oct. 4, 1843	shop breaking	2 yrs.	Aug. 1, 1844, pardoned
Hanley, William	# 136	41	Ireland	Nov. 15, 1850	murder	Life - com. to	May 1, 1863, pardoned
Dorsey, Henry C.	# 145	27	Kentucky	April 21, 1851	perjury	8 yrs.	Mar. 20, 1857, pardoned
Burrill, Aaron	# 161	29	Connecticut	April 28, 1852	murder	Life	June 26, 1856, pardoned
Gilbert, Nathan	# 185	20	Providence, RI	April 23, 1853	robbery	6 yrs.	Mar. 1, 1856, pardoned
McGill, Jeremiah	# 201	18	Taunton, MA	Dec. 31, 1853	robbery	10 yrs.	May 1, 1861, pardoned
Clarke, Moses	# 214	24	Richmond, RI	Sept. 22, 1854	rape	20 yrs.	June 1, 1862, pardoned
Gordon, J.J.	# 233	42	New York	April 7, 1855	forgery	4 yrs.	May 30, 1857, pardoned
Nesbitt, William	# 244	17	Rhode Island	Oct. 16, 1855	robbery	5 yrs.	June 6, 1859, pardoned
Baker, Shubeal	# 252	18	Connecticut	Mar. 21, 1856	murder	Life	May 1, 1877, pardoned
Wilcox, Joseph A.	# 286	17	Rhode Island	Sept. 2, 1857	rape	20 yrs.	June 4, 1866, pardoned
Studley, Edward	# 287	28	Rhode Island	Oct. 6, 1857	assault with intent to kill	5 yrs.	Mar. 8, 1860, pardoned
Thurston, Fernandes	# 295	17	Rhode Island	Dec. 4, 1857	breaking into warehouse	2 yrs.	June 4, 1859, pardoned
Burdick, Joseph O.	# 311	31	Rhode Island	Aug. 12, 1858	rape	5 yrs.	Feb. 1, 1865, pardoned
Studley, Lydia	# 321 "fem."	67	Rhode Island	Oct. 28, 1858	murder	Life	Feb. 23, 1871, pardoned
Armstrong, Patrick	# 323	32	Ireland	Dec. 21, 1858	assault with intent to kill	4 yrs.	May 31, 1863, pardoned
Bernard, Frank	# 331	19	Providence, RI	June 21, 1859	forgery	5 yrs.	June 4, 1861, pardoned
Kenyon, Daniel C.	# 358	31	Rhode Island	April 28, 1860	perjury	8 yrs.	July 1, 1863, pardoned
John Smith	# 361	17	Rhode Island	June 2, 1860	shop breaking	1 yr.	Feb. 27, 1861, pardoned
Tillinghast, Stukley	# 363	35	Rhode Island	Aug. 16, 1860	perjury	5 yrs.	April 1, 1864, pardoned
Asten, Thomas	# 369	71	New York	Nov. 10, 1860	perjury	6 yrs.	Feb. 12, 1862, pardoned
Palmer, George W.	# 378	69	Connecticut	Feb. 2, 1861	obtaining goods under false pret.	14 mths.	Feb. 10, 1862, pardoned
Robinson, Patrick	# 384	37	Ireland	Mar. 20, 1861	murder	Life	May 1, 1876, pardoned
Beste, Richard	# 407	41	Germany	Oct. 17, 1861	forgery	2 yrs.	Feb. 10, 1862, pardoned
Lohman, Andrew	# 408	29	Delaware	Oct. 17, 1861	shop breaking - 2 counts	4 yrs.; 6½ yrs.	June 1, 1867, pardoned
McFarling, James	# 409	26	Ireland	Oct. 19, 1861	rape	12 yrs.	June 4, 1866, pardoned
Flynn, Michael	# 412	23	Ireland	Nov. 2, 1861	robbery	7 yrs.	July 1, 1865, pardoned
Chesebro, Ezra	# 427	25	Massachusetts	May 20, 1862	embezzlement	18 mths.	Jan. 23, 1863, pardoned
Pratt, Alfred [Alfred?]	# 433	26	Rhode Island	Dec. 5, 1862	perjury	7 yrs.	Mar. 3, 1864, pardoned
Lienhart, Joseph	# 437	18	Germany	April 6, 1863	burglary	5 yrs.	April 8, 1864, pardoned

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Cornell, Job	# 442	63	Rhode Island	June 13, 1863	rape	Life	June 18, 1870, pardoned
O'Neal, James	# 447	29	England	Jan. 7, 1864	murder	Life	April 19, 1872, pardoned
Wilson, Thomas	# 448	21	New York	Feb. 25, 1864	passing counterfeit money	2 yrs.	June 15, 1865, pardoned
Grosjian, Peter	# 451	19	France	Oct. 25, 1864	passing counterfeit money	2 yrs.	Mar. 30, 1866, pardoned
Webster, James	# 453	28	Massachusetts	Nov. 12, 1864	murder	Life	Mar. 28, 1872, pardoned
Warpinbirg, Wilhelm	# 455	42	Germany	Dec. 12, 1864	incest	7 yrs.	Mar. 12, 1867, pardoned
Hoyt, Henry	# 457	38	Maine	April 11, 1865	passing counterfeit money	2 yrs.	April 2, 1866, pardoned
King, Lemuel B.	# 461	23	New York	Oct. 16, 1865	bigamy	2 yrs.	June 1, 1867, pardoned
Doonan, Peter	# 463	46	Ireland	Oct. 18, 1865	assault with intent to kill	3 yrs.	Mar. 12, 1867, pardoned
Peckham, Benjamin T.	# 470	54	Rhode Island	Nov. 23, 1865	burglary	10 yrs.	Mar. 26, 1868, pardoned
Elliott, George	# 474	33	England	Dec. 18, 1865	bigamy	1 1/2 yrs.	May 28, 1867, pardoned
Therron, William	# 483	36	France	Feb. 23, 1866	larceny	15 mths.	June 4, 1866, pardoned
Chase, Theophilus	# 489	39	Rhode Island	April 9, 1866	arson	10 yrs.	June 2, 1870, pardoned
Webb, John	# 490	27	Rhode Island	April 11, 1866	larceny	15 mths.	June 1, 1867, pardoned
McCarty, Patrick	# 496	17	Ireland	June 20, 1866	obstructing railroad	6 yrs.	Feb. 12, 1869, pardoned & sent
Vinton, William S. (US)	# 500	46	Rhode Island	June 26, 1866	passing counterfeit US treas.notes	1 1/2 yrs.	Nov. 25, 1867, pardoned
Keon, Edward	# 502	26	Ireland	Sept. 20, 1866	assault with dangerous weapon	1 yr.	June 1, 1867, pardoned
Maloy, Edward	# 512	20	Ireland	Oct. 18, 1866	robbery	6 yrs.	June 17, 1868, pardoned
Weeden, George	# 516	28	Rhode Island	Nov. 10, 1866	forgery	3 yrs.	Jan. 13, 1868, pardoned
White, John	# 525	37	Ireland	April 20, 1867	murder	Life	June 10, 1866, pardoned
Arnold, Walter	# 531	23	Massachusetts	June 21, 1867	forgery	4 yrs.	June 11, 1868, pardoned
Hoxie, Charles	# 532	23	Connecticut	Aug. 21, 1867	murder	Life	June 1, 1879, pardoned
Betts, William	# 534	19	Rhode Island	Aug. 22, 1867	attempt to rob	3 yrs.	June 11, 1868, pardoned
Tobey, Walter F.	# 536	19	Rhode Island	Sept. 19, 1867	setting fire	3 yrs.	may 28, 1869, pardoned
Carroll, Daniel	\$ 549	24	Ireland	April 30, 1868	robbery	6 yrs.	Feb. 2, 1871, pardoned
Barber, Jesse	# 568	35	Rhode Island	Dec. 22, 1868	setting fire	3 yrs.	Jan. 18, 1870, pardoned
Pond, Abijah S.	# 573	23	Wrentham, MA	Mar. 5, 1869	forgery	2 yrs.	Feb. 23, 1870, pardoned
Peters, David W.	# 581	22	Newport, RI	Mar. 17, 1869	assault with intent to rape	15 yrs.	Mar. 12, 1879, pardoned
Shay, Timothy	# 586	35	Ireland	May 7, 1869	robbery	5 yrs.	Jan 18, 1872, pardoned
Sullivan, Dennis	# 587	20	Massachusetts	May 7, 1869	robbery	5 yrs.	Feb. 23, 1870, pardoned
Feeley, John	# 601	25	New York	Oct. 20, 1869	burglary	7 yrs.	Jan. 28, 1874, pardoned
McSoley, James	# 602	21	Providence, RI	Oct. 22, 1869	rape	12 yrs.	May 29, 1874, pardoned
Foster, James A.	# 641	24	Connecticut	Mar. 28, 1871	assault with intent to kill	3 yrs.	May 29, 1873, pardoned
Martin, William A.	# 653	41	Bristol, RI	Sept. 13, 1871	arson	10 yrs.	Mar. 2, 1875, pardoned
Kelly, Thomas	# 657	18	Ireland	Oct. 23, 1871	burglary	5 yrs.	Feb. 20, 1872, pardoned
Sutton, Lloyd S.	# 669	43	Providence, RI	Mar. 20, 1872	manslaughter	1 yr.	May 31, 1872, pardoned
Lynch, Timothy	# 670	35	Ireland	Mar. 20, 1872	murder	Life	Feb. 2, 1875, pardoned



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Rathburn, Stephen O.	# 1071	25	Providence, RI	Sept. 13, 1882	larceny	3 yrs.	April 22, 1884, pardoned
Votta, Rocco	# 1077	24	Italy	Oct. 4, 1882	murder	life	Mar. 31, 1904, pardoned
Tanner, Charles	# 1078	25	Rhode Island	Oct. 14, 1882	larceny from the person	1 yr.	Mar. 31, 1883, pardoned
Noka, Joshua	# 1080	22	Rhode Island	Nov. 22, 1882	obstructing R.R. cars	1 1/2 yrs.	June 2, 1883, pardoned
Congdon, George W.	# 1137	26	Rhode Island	April 17, 1884	manslaughter	12 yrs.	April 25, 1885, pardoned
Shea, William H.	# 1148	22	Rhode Island	July 18, 1884	murder	life	April 8, 1903, pardoned
Matteson, Harkness	# 1149	26	Rhode Island	Sept. 1, 1884	burglary	5 yrs.	Mar. 26, 1888, pardoned
Prophet, Frank	# 1168	17	Rhode Island	Oct. 21, 1884	burglary	5 yrs.	Nov. 18, 1887, pardoned
Bliss, Frederick	# 1170	25	Rhode Island	Oct. 21, 1884	burglary	5 yrs.	Mar. 7, 1887, pardoned
Greene, Patrick	# 1199	29	New York	Mar. 17, 1885	shop breaking - 2 counts	2 yrs.	June 10, 1886, pardoned
Rowan, Michael	# 1201	24	Massachusetts	Mar. 26, 1885	forgery	5 yrs.	May 7, 1887, pardoned
Healy, Eliza R.	# 1226 "fem."	35	Rhode Island	Oct. 21, 1885	manslaughter	12 yrs.	April 28, 1892, pardoned
Anthony, Charles H.	# 1262	42	Rhode Island	June 26, 1886	embezzlement	2 yrs.	June 17, 1887, pardoned
White, John	# 1268	36	Haiti	Sept. 15, 1886	burglary	6 yrs.	Mar. 6, 1889, pardoned
Carry, John J.	# 1292	21	New York	May 26, 1887	larceny	1 yr.	Feb. 2, 1888, pardoned
Cooke, Joseph F.	# 1325	43	New York	Dec. 27, 1887	B&E barn at night / larceny	18 mths.	Jan. 19, 1889, pardoned
Gochy, Henry	# 1336	18	Rhode Island	Mar. 17, 1888	arson	10 yrs.	May 3, 1890, pardoned
Bailey, Lawrence	# 1337	16	Massachusetts	Mar. 17, 1888	arson	10 yrs.	May 3, 1890, pardoned
Geary, Richard	# 1338	20	Rhode Island	Mar. 17, 1888	burglary	5 yrs.	Jan. 31, 1890, pardoned
McAvenia, Bernard	# 1360	28	Ireland	July 5, 1888	burglary	5 yrs.	April 24, 1889, pardoned
Gordon, William	# 1372	27	Virginia	Sept. 24, 1888	assault with dangerous weapon	1 yr.	April 17, 1889, pardoned
Doyle, Peter	# 1380	19	Rhode Island	Oct. 24, 1888	B&E at night/larceny - 2 counts	2 yrs, 18 mths.	May 3, 1890, pardoned
Henry, Abraham	# 1403	24	Virginia	Mar. 16, 1889	breaking shop / larceny	3 yrs.	Oct. 7, 1892, pardoned
Henry, Abraham	# 1403	24	Virginia	exp. of 1 <sup>st</sup> sentence	assault with dangerous weapon	2 yrs.	Oct. 7, 1892, pardoned
Murphy, Dennis alias "spiker"	# 1446	20	Connecticut	July 2, 1889	murder	life	April 27, 1912, pardoned by gov
Shea, Dennis	# 1519	39	Ireland	Oct. 24, 1890	larceny from the person	1 yr.	May 1, 1891, pardoned
Foley, James	# 1528	17	Rhode Island	Jan. 6, 1891	carnal knowledge - girl under 14	10 yrs.	April 19, 1893, pardoned
Galligan, Thomas	# 1534	21	Rhode Island	Mar. 14, 1891	B&E shop at night / larceny	3 yrs.	May 18, 1893, pardoned
Ryan, James	# 1544	23	Rhode Island	June 22, 1893	assault on officer / escaping	10 yrs.	April 21, 1906, pardoned
Lynn, James F.	# 1573	32	Rhode Island	Oct. 20, 1891	murder	life	Jan. 27, 1916, pardoned by gov
Towle, Albert L.	# 1584	25	America	Feb. 8, 1892	embezzlement	26 mths.	Feb. 8, 1894, pardoned
White, Owen	# 1587	17	Rhode Island	Mar. 16, 1892	breaking & entering / larceny	1 yr. added	Oct. 8, 1892, pardoned
Burr, Nath. M.	# 1602	54	Massachusetts	June 20, 1892	forgery	4 yrs.	April 27, 1894, pardoned
Nolan, Frank (alias)	# 1608	31	Rhode Island	Sept. 26, 1892	robbery	23 yrs.	Mar. 24, 1904, pardoned by gov
Sullivan, Daniel	# 1619	43	Massachusetts	Nov. 29, 1892	murder	life	April 19, 1905, pardoned by gov
Stewart, Alexander S.	# 1644	33	Pennsylvania	Mar. 15, 1893	bigamy	30 mths.	Mar. 23, 1895, pardoned
Lipman, William	# 1698	18	New York	Sept. 29, 1893	robbery	20 yrs.	April 19, 1905, pardoned

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Crowley, John	# 1717	18	Connecticut	Nov. 25, 1893	robbery	15 yrs.	May 3, 1900, pardoned
Clare, William J.	# 1770	36	England	Jan. 1, 1895	arson	15 yrs.	Mar. 30, 1901, pardoned
Kruger, Richard	# 1771	33	Germany	Jan. 4, 1895	burglary	10 yrs. added	Mar. 28, 1902, pardoned
Butler, James	# 1778	27	Massachusetts	Jan. 23, 1895	manslaughter	15 yrs.	Mar. 17, 1903, pardoned
Johnson, John	# 1806	24	Sweden	June 19, 1895	burglary	7 yrs.	April 26, 1899, pardoned
Anthony, William C.	# 1810	43	Rhode Island	July 10, 1895	manslaughter	13 yrs.	Sept. 21, 1899, pardoned
Carney, John	# 1816	16	Vermont	Oct. 1, 1895	robbery	20 yrs.	Nov. 20, 1901, pardoned
Allen, Dempsey	# 1829	25	North Carolina	Oct. 15, 1895	burglary	15 yrs.	Nov. 20, 1901, pardoned
Keegan, Laurence	# 1847	52	Rhode Island	Jan. 22, 1896	murder	life	May 5, 1900, pardoned
Lenardo, Luigi	# 1935	42	Italy	Jan. 6, 1897	robbery	life	April 13, 1916, pardoned
Shea, James	# 1947	33	Ireland	May 10, 1897	manslaughter	15 yrs.	April 15, 1908, pardoned by gov
Murphy, John	# 2000	39	Rhode Island	Jan. 20, 1898	murder	18 yrs.	Feb. 17, 1905, pardoned by gov
Ballou, Walter	# 2043	22	Rhode Island	Oct. 10, 1898	manslaughter	life	April 15, 1915, pardoned
Pickering, James	# 2086	63	Massachusetts	Mar. 22, 1899	attempt. carnal knowledge., girl under 16	10 yrs.	Mar. 2, 1904, pardoned
Webster, Arthur G. (alias)	# 2136	23	New York	Nov. 9, 1899	robbery	3 yrs.	Feb. 22, 1901, pardoned
Maxwell, James (alias)	# 2139	21	New York	Nov. 14, 1899	robbery	25 yrs.	Mar. 12, 1914, pardoned
						15 yrs.	May 5, 1908, pardoned by gov.