

STATE OF CALIFORNIA



DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

The Great Seal of the State of California.

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Upon resolution offered by Hon. Myron Norton, the words "The Great Seal of the State of California" were added to the design.

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W. S. Dodge
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