MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE. No. 104.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE relating to claims of settlers on proprietors' lands.

Resolved, That the land agent, under the direction 2 of the governor and council, shall, as soon as practi3 cable, treat with the owners of lands upon which 4 settlers are located in townships numbered eighteen, 5 range three, eighteen, range four, eighteen, range 6 five, eighteen, range six, eighteen, range seven, seven7 teen, range four, seventeen, range seven; also town8 ship lettered K, range two, all west of the east line 9 of the state in the county of Aroostook, said lands 10 and settlers being the same described in the report of 11 Noah Barker, made in pursuance of resolve of Feb12 ruary twenty-seven, eighteen hundred and seventy13 three, for the purchase of said lands. And the land 14 agent is hereby empowered to purchase the land

15 described in said report and herein enumerated, at a 16 price not exceeding fifty cents per acre. And the 17 land agent is hereby empowered and directed to locate 18 said lands, and to convey to the settlers named in said 19 report, or where said settlers have transferred their 20 titles, to the parties owning improvements on said 21 lands, at a price not exceeding fifty cents per acre in 22 cash. In cases where these settlers have not the cash 23 to pay down the land agent shall take their notes, 24 with sureties on the lands for whatever length of time 25 the governor and council may deem advisable. The 26 sum of twenty thousand dollars is hereby appropriated 27 to carry this resolve into effect.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

Reference is made to the message of Hon. Nelson Dingley, Jr., to the 54th Legislature, and the report of Noah Barker made to the same Legislature. These settlers occupy about forty thousand acres of land. A part of these settlers have been notified by proprietors to leave their farms and homes, which are now comfortable. Herewith is a copy of a notice served on one of the settlers.

Copy of notice to quit Possession.

We, Thomas Egery, Mary Ann Hinckley, Daniel B Hinckley, and Frank Hinckley, all of Bangor, Penobscot county, Maine, owners of Township No. 18 in the fourth range, now Madawaska, in Aroostook county, in the State of Maine, hereby give you, Octave Cyr, notice of our intention to contest and prevent your acquiring any right or easement in said township by virtue of your having occupied or improved any part of the same, and we hereby notify you to at once leave said township, and no longer occupy any part of the same, as from and after the date of the service of this notice upon you, we shall regard you as trespassers, and proceed against you accordingly, unless you comply with the demand herein made.

Thomas N. Egery, Mary Ann Hinckley, Daniel B. Hinckley, Frank Hinckley. All by C. H. Dickey, Agent.

Madawaska, Me., July 27, 1876.

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I notified Octave Cyr, one of the occupants on the within named land, of the intention within expressed, by leaving a true and attested copy of the within notice at his last and usual place of abode.

C. H. Dickey.

Aroostook ss., August 7, 1876. Personally appeared before me the above named C. H. Dickey, and made oath to the truth of the above return by him subscribed. A. G. Fenlason, Trial Justice.

The foregoing is a true copy of the original entered in this office August 17, 1876, at 9 h., 30 m. A.M. Attested and examined by me.

James Keegan, Register.

The above notice is recorded in this office in vol. 1, page 101-2, of foreclosures, (with 143 others.)

Attest: James Keegan, Register of Deeds.

Parties having some experience in surveying land, say it will cost about two thousand dollars to locate these lands. As the money to be paid to proprietors for lands is to be refunded to the State by the settlers, these two thousand dollars to locate lands will be the only loss the State will meet with in quieting some two thousand inhabitants.

STATE OF MAINE.

In House of Representatives, February 1, 1877.

Presented by Mr. NADEAU of Fort Kent, and on his motion ordered printed.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, Clerk.