

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty - Third Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 3.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE asking the opinions of the Supreme Judicial Court relative to railroad charters.

WHEREAS, There has been a petition presented to
2 the Legislature, asking to be granted a charter for
3 a railroad from Sebago Lake to Mechanic Falls;
4 and

WHEREAS, The Constitution, article four, section
6 fourteen, provides that "Corporations shall be
7 formed under general laws and shall not be created
8 by special acts of the Legislature, except for
9 municipal purposes and in cases where the objects
10 of the corporation cannot otherwise be attained;
11 and however formed, they shall forever be subject
12 to the general laws of the State." Now, therefore,
13 as much litigation may arise as to the right of the

14 Legislature to grant railroad charters and also
15 such corporations organized under the general laws
16 by the Railroad Commissioners; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the justices of the Supreme Judicial
18 Court of this State be requested to give their
19 opinions to the Legislature on the following ques-
20 tions, to wit: Is the general law referred to in the
21 Constitution sufficient in all its provisions to or-
22 ganize railroad corporations; and if so, has the
23 Legislature power to grant charters of railroads.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
January 13, 1887. }

On motion of Mr. MOORE of Deering ordered printed and referred to
Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses.

NICHOLAS FESSENDEN, *Clerk.*