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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 481

House of Representatives, March 3, 1915.

*Reported by Mr. Cobb from Committee on Ways and Bridges
and ordered printed under joint rules.*

C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

RESOLVE, in favor of repairing a road in the town of
Columbia, Washington County.

Resolved, That there be and hereby is appropriated the
2 sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) to aid in repairing the
3 road in the town of Columbia, Washington county, leading
4 from the Harrington town line to town line of Columbia
5 Falls, provided there be appropriated by the said town of
6 Columbia the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) for the
7 same purpose, both sums to be expended under the super-
8 vision of the State Highway Commission: and further pro-
9 vided that this resolve shall be void and of no effect unless
10 said town in accepting this appropriation thereby and in
11 consideration thereof shall undertake that all road material,
12 including clay, gravel, sand and rock, necessary for the im-

13 provement contemplated by this resolve shall be furnished
14 without expense to the state, and that said town shall as-
15 sume and pay all damages whatsoever arising from the tak-
16 ing of land or from the change of grade, drainage or align-
17 ment deemed by the State Highway Commission as neces-
18 sary for said improvement. Said way when so improved
19 shall be thereafter continually maintained under the direc-
20 tion and control of said commission at the joint expense of
21 the state and said town; the charge against said town for
22 maintenance of said way shall not exceed fifty percentum of
23 the actual cost of such maintenance nor an average of thirty
24 dollars per mile per annum, and the payment by said town
25 of its said share of said maintenance shall be enforced in
26 the same manner as provided in sections ten and twenty-
27 five of chapter one hundred thirty of the public laws of
28 nineteen hundred and thirteen. The share of the state in
29 said maintenance shall be paid out of the fund for adminis-
30 tration and maintenance created by virtue of section thirty-
31 three of said chapter one hundred and thirty.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

This is the old county road, and is the main travelled road on the east leading to Jonesboro, Machias, Lubec, Eastport and Calais, and on the west to Harrington, Milbridge, Steuben and Cherryfield. This is the road used for two mail routes, one starting from Columbia Falls travelling over a part of said road, and another starting from Harrington travelling over the remainder of said road. The road in question is five miles long.

The town of Columbia has forty-five miles of road to maintain, and it had in 1910 a population of 564, and a valuation of \$123,622 and is financially unable to bear the cost of this improvement.