

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

House Document

No. 458

H. P. 450 House of Representatives, February 22, 1929.

Reported by Mr. Rogers of Greenville from Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Seavey of Sherman.

STATE OF MAINE

**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINE**

RESOLVE, Authorizing the Forest Commissioner as Land Agent to Convey a Certain Lot of Land to W. Asahel Darling.

Resolved: That the forest commissioner as land agent be
2 and hereby is authorized to convey the interest of the state
3 in lot number twelve, township number two, range six, W.
4 E. L. S., Penobscot county in consideration of the payment
5 by said W. Asahel Darling to the state of Maine the sum
6 equal to the amount of all taxes duly assessed against said
7 lot by the state of Maine together with the interest thereon
8 and such costs as have been paid by said state, the amount
9 to be determined by the said land agent.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The lot named in the foregoing resolve was held by one Henry Hocter of Benedicta, whose homestead farm in the town of Benedicta adjoined the same on the east, for many years. He left it with his homestead farm to his son, Thomas Hocter now of Sherman, and together they occupied the same over thirty years. Through Thomas Hocter the said lot with the homestead farm in Benedicta became the property of one Ethel S. Russell of Patten, Maine. Ethel S. Russell conveyed the same to Martin Brennen in March, 1916 as recorded in the registry at Bangor in vol. 823, page 403. Brennen gave a mortgage back to Ethel S. Russell for a part of the purchase price. That mortgage came to Frank H. Curtis of Sherman by assignment who caused the same to be foreclosed and he assigned it with the rights of foreclosure to Margaret H. Pennington of Houlton, Maine, who sold it to said W. Asahel Darling together with the Brennen farm in Benedicta and said Darling is now in possession of the same.

Henry Hocter, Thomas Hocter and Martin Brennen paid taxes on said lot until the year of 1921 when the same was sold for the taxes of 1919 to S. W. Dana, land agent. Mrs. Pennington has offered to pay the taxes to date and the land agent says that he is without authority to accept the taxes and give a deed of said lot; and the foregoing resolve is requested by the present occupant, Mr. Darling, for the purpose of allowing him to make a settlement with the land agent and receive a release deed from the state.