

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

A. D. 1847.

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RESOLVES

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Chapter 5.

CHAP. 5.

Resolve in favor of Ivory Hardison.

*Resolved,* That the land agent is hereby authorized to convey by deed to Ivory Hardison, four lots of settling land in township letter H in the second range of townships west from the east line of the state, as surveyed by Henry W. Cunningham, in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-nine; *provided,* the said Hardison shall within one year from the passage of this resolve erect and put in operation in said township a good saw mill, and perform the labor in making roads and the settling duties required by law.

In favor of Ivory Hardison.

[Approved June 12, 1847.]

Chapter 6.

Resolve for the repair of the Eastern Aroostook road.

*Resolved,* That the land agent is hereby authorized to expend the sum of five hundred dollars, in repairing and improving the road from the north line of letter H in the second range of townships west from the east line of the state, to the Saint John river; *provided,* that the commonwealth of Massachusetts shall expend an equal amount on said road.

Repair of Eastern Aroostook road.

[Approved June 14, 1847.]

Chapter 7.

Resolves relating to the construction of a rail road from Lake Michigan to the Pacific coast.

*Resolved,* That a rail road from Lake Michigan to the Pacific coast, is highly desirable, and if practicable, should be constructed. Such a work would open a vast and unbroken wilderness for improvement and cultivation—would unite and bind together the people of the Atlantic and Pacific slopes, by connecting their interests and associations—would extend our commerce, advance the welfare of our manufactures, and elevate the dignity of man.

Rail road from Lake Michigan to the Pacific.

*Resolved,* That in our opinion, the best if not the only plan by which so stupendous a work can be accomplished, is to appropriate and set apart the public lands along the line of the same, and to pledge the proceeds of sale, to that object, thus making the sale and settlement of these lands, subservient to this great enterprize.

Plan for accomplishing said object.