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THE LEGISLATURE,

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

DURING ITS SESSION

A. D. 1833.

STATE OF MAINE.

No. 3.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND THIRTY-THREE.

AN ACT relative to Highways.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and 2 House of Representatives, in Legislature as-3 sembled, That all Highways or County Roads, 4 heretofore established by the Courts of Sessions 5 or County Commissioners of the respective 6 Counties, or which may hereafter be established 7 by said County Commissioners, which have not 8 already been opened and made, shall be opened 9 and made at the expense of the respective 10 Counties, in which they lie. And it is hereby 11 made the duty of the said Commissioners to 12 cause said Highways or County Roads to be 13 opened and made, within such periods of time 14 as they may think suitable, and for the expenses 15 thereof, they are authorized to issue their orders. 16 upon the Treasurer of their County. And said 17 Commissioners, or a committee by them appoint-18 ed, shall contract, by auction, for the opening 19 and making of said Highways or County Roads, 20 setting up, to the lowest bidder, the whole or 21 any part of any such Highway or County 22 Road, as they may think most for the interest 23 of the County, having first prescribed, in writing, 24 the manner in which said Highway shall be 25 made, and given days previous 26 notice of said auction, by posting up notifications 27 of the time and place thereof in three public 28 places in each town or plantation, through which 29 said Highway may run, and taking bond, with 30 sufficient sureties, for the faithful performance, on 31 the part of the contractor, of the agreements, into 32 which he may enter. And if any part of said 33 Highway shall extend into any unincorporated 34 place, the notifications of said auction shall be 35 posted up in three public places in each of the 36 towns adjoining thereto. And, before the mak-37 ing of said Highway shall be accepted in any 38 case, the same shall be strictly and carefully 39 examined and approved by said Commissioners 40 or some person or persons by them appointed, 41 whose approval shall be expressed in writing, 42 and filed in the office of the Clerk of the Courts: 43 *Provided*, That nothing, in this Act contained, 44 shall be construed to exonerate any town or 45 plantation, or the Proprietors of any lands in 46 unincorporated places, from the obligations, im-47 posed thereon by Law, of keeping said High-48 ways or County Roads in repair, after they 49 shall have once been made, examined and approved as aforesaid.

Sec. Be it further enacted, That all Acts 2 and parts of Acts, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, be, and the same hereby are 4 repealed.

STATE OF MAINE.

House of Representatives, January 16, 1833.

ORDERED, That three hundred copies of the foregoing Bill be printed for the use of the Members.

[Extract from the Journal.]

Attest:

ASAPH R. NICHOLS, Clerke