

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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THE LEGISLATURE,

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

DURING ITS SESSION

A. D. 1833.

The Joint Standing Committee on State Roads, to which was referred the order directing an inquiry as to the expediency of causing a road to be laid out and made over lands of the State, so as to connect the Baring and Houlton Road, at or near Township No. Eight, Range Second, north of Bingham Purchase, with the Mattanawcook and Military Road at Lincoln, having had the same under consideration, ask leave to

REPORT:

That the proposed road is in continuation of a County Road now laid out, and which is partly made, and will be completed in a year from next fall, extending twenty miles from the Military Road towards the Houlton and Baring Road; is necessary to complete a communication between these two important State Roads, and will afford the most direct route from the northern parts of Somerset and Penobscot Counties to the head of tide-waters on the Schoodick. It appeared in evidence, that the land through which the road will pass is favorable for a road, of good quality, and that the value would be enhanced to the State, to an amount exceeding the cost of the road. In consideration of these facts, and in addition thereto, that if the land through which the contemplated road is to pass was

in the possession of individuals, that the County of Washington would lay out said road, and the owners would be compelled to make it, your Committee have reported the accompanying resolve, which is herewith submitted.

CHARLES JARVIS, *Per Order.*

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE for locating and making a Road over Lands belonging to the State, connecting the Baring and Houlton Road with the United States Military Road.

Resolved, That the Governor with advice of Council be, and hereby is authorized, to appoint an Agent, whose duty it shall be, under the direction of the Governor and Council, to locate a road from the centre line of Township Number Six, Second Range north of the Bingham Purchase, through the eastern half of said Township Number Six, and through the south half of Townships Number Seven and Eight to the Houlton and Baring Road ; and to make contracts for the construction, and superintend the execution of the same.

Resolved, That said road shall be cut out four rods wide, cleared out two rods, and thoroughly made and turnpiked at least eighteen feet wide.

That it shall be carefully drained with a sufficient number of well constructed culverts, and side drains, which shall be graduated to carry off the water so that none shall stand by the side of the road.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of said Agent to locate said road, on or before the first of June next ; and that he shall advertise in the several papers printed in the Counties of Penobscot and Washington, and in the State Paper, eight weeks successively before the first of July next, to receive sealed proposals for the making of said road in one Mile Contracts ; to be thoroughly grubbed, bridges made, and causeways and culverts laid, on or before the 31st of October next, and to be completed on or before the 31st of October 1834.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding nine thousand dollars, be and hereby is appropriated, to be paid out of the Treasury of the State, to the said Agent, to be by him expended, in the location and construction of said road as aforesaid. And said sum shall be paid to said Agent, for said purposes, in such several sums, and at such times, as the Governor and Council may direct, not exceeding however one half the amount of the Contracts the

present year, and the remainder the year next ensuing.

Resolved, That said Agent shall be obliged to give satisfactory bonds to the State, approved by the Governor and Council, for the faithful expenditure of the amount paid to him as aforesaid, and it shall his duty to take good and sufficient bonds of the Contractors for the faithful performance of their Contracts, by the time limited.

Resolved, That said Agent shall keep a correct account of all moneys by him received, and the sums by him expended, in locating and making said road, and exhibit the same to the Governor and Council, who are hereby authorized to examine and adjust the same.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
January 21, 1833.

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

[Extract from the Journal.]

Attest:

ASAPH R. NICHOLS, *Clerk*.