

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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THE LEGISLATURE,

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STATE OF MAINE,

DURING ITS SESSION

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FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE.

NO. 23.

HOUSE.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of certain **Officers** and **Soldiers** of the **Revolutionary War**, and the widows of deceased **Officers** and **Soldiers**.

Resolved, That each non-commissioned officer and soldier of the **Revolutionary Army**, who enlisted to serve during the **War**, or for a term not less than three years, and actually served not less than three years in said army; who at the time of his enlistment, was an inhabitant of **Massachusetts Proper** or the **District of Maine**, and is now an inhabitant of this **State**, and who has not already received a grant of land or money in lieu thereof from the **Commonwealth of Massachusetts**; and each **Widow** of such officer or soldier, who at the time of his decease was an inhabitant of this **State**—shall

be entitled to receive two hundred acres of land, to be selected from either of the following Townships, to wit:—Township number two, Indian Purchase, in the County of Penobscot, reserving all the Pine Timber thereon, the same having been heretofore sold—and Letter D. in the second Range of Townships West of the East line of the State, in the County of Washington. And each non-commissioned officer and soldier who was honorably discharged before the expiration of three years from the time of entering the service, in consequence of wounds received in the service, or other bodily infirmity—and each Widow of such officer or soldier, and the Widow of every non-commissioned officer or soldier who died in the service within three years from the time of his entering the same—shall, if in all other respects coming within the provision of this Resolve, be entitled to receive a like grant of land, to be selected as aforesaid.

Resolved, That the Land Agent is hereby authorized and directed to cause the said Townships as soon as may be, to be surveyed and laid out into convenient lots of two hundred acres each; and to execute a conveyance of one lot to every officer, soldier and widow aforesaid, who shall prove his or her claims to the satisfaction of the said Land Agent on

or before the fourth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight. And every such officer, soldier or widow, who shall establish his or her claim as aforesaid, before the survey of said land shall be completed, shall be entitled to receive from the Land Agent a certificate, stating that he or she is entitled to two hundred acres of land under the provisions of this Resolve; which certificate shall be conclusive evidence to entitle the lawful holder thereof to a conveyance in fee simple, of one of the two hundred acre lots aforesaid, whenever said land shall be surveyed and laid out as herein provided.

Resolved, That the Land Agent is hereby authorized to procure at the expense of the State, from the Land Agent and the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and from the Pension Office at Washington, certified copies of all such documents and records as he may deem necessary or useful in carrying into effect the provisions of this Resolve. And it shall be his duty to keep correct plans of all surveys which shall be made as aforesaid, and to mark upon each lot the name of the person who shall first make choice of the same, and also to keep a record of the names and places of abode, and such other material circumstances relating to the

several claimants, as may be deemed necessary to obviate all disputes respecting the justice of their claims.

Resolved, That every officer, soldier and widow aforesaid, who shall become the owner of land under the provisions of these Resolves, shall hold the same exempt from attachment on mesne process or execution.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 18, 1835. }

READ twice, laid on the table, and five hundred copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

[Extract from the Journal.]

Attest,

JAMES L. CHILD, CLERK.