

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# STATE OF MAINE,

DURING ITS SESSION

**A. D. 1836.**

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**SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE.**

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**NO. 67.**

**HOUSE.**

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**REPORT**

**OF THE AGENT FOR SUPERINTENDING THE CONSTRUCTION  
OF THE BARING AND HOULTON ROAD.**

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[COPY.]

To the Governor and Council of the State of Maine.

The subscriber, Agent for superintending the construction of the Baring and Houlton Road, begs leave to Report—That all of said Road which he was authorized to build, has been completed by the contractors according to their several contracts; the last section of four miles and three hundred rods having been finished the past fall by the Contractor, Reuben Whittier.

At the last settlement with the Governor and Council in February 1835, there remained in the hands of the Agent, a balance of \$654 47, which balance, together with \$96 86, more, has been applied to the payment of contraction, as will appear by accompanying vouchers.

The Agent has received from the Treasury \$900, which has been paid to Reuben Whittier, as will appear by his receipt.

• All the contractors have been paid excepting a balance due P. P. Burleigh of \$16 00, being for an excess in the number of his Rods, beyond the first computation, and the sum of Three thousand Five hundred dollars, and fifty cents, due Reuben Whittier.

There is likewise due P. P. Burleigh and Son \$14 00, for running lines in order to ascertain what part of the Road was in Orient.

ISRAEL HEALD, { *Agent on the*  
*Baring and*  
*Houlton Road.*

December 9th, 1835.

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## REPORT

OF COMMITTEE ON STATE ROADS, CONCERNING BARING  
AND HOULTON ROAD.

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### STATE OF MAINE.



THE Joint Standing Committee on State Roads, to whom was referred an order, passed January 22, A. D. 1836, "That the Committee on State Roads be instructed to inquire into the manner in which the Baring and Houlton Road has been constructed, to make report of such facts in relation thereto as may be proved before them," have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to Report the following statement of facts, as proved before your Committee.

It was satisfactorily proved to the Committee that said road had been passed at different seasons of the year, when wet and when dry. In wet seasons of the year, the road was overflowed a distance of about forty rods, near what is called 'Huntley Brook.' This difficulty could be remedied by throwing up and raising the road in that place about two feet; and that that part of the road remains under water sometimes two or three days, or until the freshet subsides. The bridge over 'Huntley Brook' is so low that logs in high freshets cannot pass under it; and can only pass when the water in

the brook is at a common pitch. The bushes and trees, to the distance of twenty four feet from the outer margin of the ditches are only cut down. The road is wanting in width. Some parts are not more than twelve feet in width, and rarely in any place come up to eighteen feet. Some parts of the road, in low places, are over eighteen feet wide, but not high enough to prevent the overflow of water. The road is not properly drained. The ditches are not wide or deep enough to carry off the water. The trees and bushes are generally cut down to the width required but not removed.

**D. F. SAMPSON, *Per Order.***

**STATE OF MAINE.**

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
MARCH 21, 1836. }

**Read and accepted, and 300 copies of the Report of the Agent, and this Report, ordered to be printed for the use of the members.**

[Extract from the Journal.]

**ATTEST: JAMES L. CHILD, Clerk.**