

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE,

DURING ITS SESSION

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TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE.

NO. 34.

HOUSE.

A N A C T

RELATING TO

T H E B O O M S

ON THE

AROOSTOOK, ST. JOHN AND FISH RIVERS.

[WM. R. SMITH & Co.....Printers to the State.]

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED
AND FORTY.

AN ACT to establish, regulate and preserve the
Booms on the Aroostook, Fish and St. John
rivers.

SECT. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and*
2 House of Representatives in Legislature
3 assembled, That the Boom constructed across
4 the Aroostook river under direction of the Land
5 Agent in execution of the Resolve of 24th Jan-
6 uary, 1839, and other Resolves on the same
7 subject for the purpose of securing timber cut by
8 trespassers on the public lands, and preventing
9 its being carried out of the State, be established
10 and continued the property of the State; and
11 the lots of land whereon the Boom and its

12 defences are constructed, be reserved for public
13 uses till otherwise directed by the Legislature.
14 The Boom to be continued under the care of
15 the Land Agent, who is empowered to use all
16 necessary means to preserve and protect it.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That all
2 timber floating down said river, be detained at
3 said Boom, till it can be ascertained whether
4 cut by trespassers or otherwise, and until it can
5 be passed with safety to the Boom and the pre-
6 servation of the trespass timber. To facilitate
7 the passage of timber belonging to individuals,
8 the owners thereof, are required to put the same
9 into suitable rafts, for passing the Boom; and
10 when brought within a hundred rods of the head
11 of the Boom, shall there be detained for inspec-
12 tion, and notice thereof given to the Agent in
13 charge of the Boom, who shall forthwith exam-
14 ine the same, and if the rafts are found free of
15 trespass timber, he shall as soon as circumstan-
16 ces will admit, open a portion of said Boom and
17 aid in passing the said rafts when requested by
18 the owner thereof.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That the

2 Land Agent be authorized to continue the
3 Booms on the Fish and St. John rivers, con-
4 structed for the purpose of detaining timber cut
5 by trespassers on the public lands, and to enlarge
6 the same as found necessary for that purpose,
7 and is empowered to use all necessary means to
8 protect the same.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
March 9, 1840. }

This Bill having been once read, was laid on the table, and 300 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

[Extract from the Journal.]

Attest: ELBRIDGE GERRY, *Clerk.*