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1841.

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE.

NO. 22.

HOUSE.

RESOLVES

FOR THE APPOINTMENT

OF A

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

TO SETTLE

CERTAIN CLAIMS AGAINST THE STATE.

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STATE OF MAINE.

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

RESOLVES for the appointment of a Board of Commissioners to settle the claims between certain individuals and the State.

Resolved, That the Governor with the advice
2 of Council be and he is hereby authorized to appoint
3 three suitable persons as commissioners, whose du-
4 ty it shall be, on application of any person indebt-
5 ed to the State for the purchase of lands sold since
6 the first day of January, in the year of our Lord
7 one thousand eight hundred and thirty-four, or who
8 have become assignee to any such purchaser, and
9 having an equitable claim against the State, pray-
10 ing to be relieved from the payment of notes due
11 to the State, and from obligations to perform certain
12 settling duties, either wholly or in part, and ask-
13 ing for a conveyance of the land originally contract-
14 ed to be sold, either wholly or in part to proceed
15 and hear and examine on oath or affirmation every
16 question, and all facts relative to said application,
17 and said Commissioners are hereby empowered,

18 after a full hearing and examination of such cases,
19 to make a written report to the Land Agent, di-
20 recting him to settle and adjust said claims in such
21 way and manner, and upon such terms as to them
22 shall seem equitable, just, and expedient; and said
23 Commissioners may further direct such costs to be
24 paid by said applicants on account of expenses in-
25 curred by the State, as to them shall seem reason-
26 able and proper, to be paid before the execution by
27 the Land Agent of the award.

Resolved, That each applicant shall make out
2 and file with the Land Agent, as soon as may be,
3 brief statements of his case, one copy of which
4 shall be forwarded by the Land Agent to each of
5 the Commissioners, and one to the Attorney Gen-
6 eral.

Resolved, That all documents and written evi-
2 dence produced before said commissioners shall be
3 deposited in the Land Office.

Resolved, That the Land Agent be and he hereby
2 is authorized, upon the report made to him in
3 writing by said Commissioners, or a majority
4 of them, to cancel and surrender any notes, se-
5 curities or obligations in his hands, and to dis-
6 charge mortgages, give leases, and make and exe-
7 cute conveyances, in such way and manner, and
8 upon such conditions only, as shall be prescribed
9 in the report of said Commissioners.

Resolved, That the Governor with the advice of
 2 Council is hereby authorized to audit the accounts
 3 of said Commissioners, and to allow them such
 4 compensation for their services as to them shall
 5 appear reasonable and proper, and the Land
 6 Agent is hereby authorized to pay said Commis-
 7 sioners the amount due them allowed as aforesaid
 8 by the Governor and Council.

Resolved, That said Commissioners shall give
 2 public notice of the time and place of their first
 3 meeting under this Resolve, three months prior to
 4 said meeting, by publishing a notice thereof three
 5 weeks successively in the State newspaper, and
 6 in such other public newspapers as they may think
 7 proper, and it is hereby made the duty of the At-
 8 torney General to procure evidence and to attend the
 9 meetings of said Commissioners, and act in behalf
 10 of the State in all applications, that shall be laid
 11 before said board of Commissioners.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
 March 23, 1841. }

Laid on the table, and 400 hundred copies ordered to be
 printed for the use of the Legislature.

[Extract from the Journal.]

ATTEST: GEO. C. GETCHELL, Clerk.