

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE

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THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE.

No. 16.]

[HOUSE.

PETITION.

*To the honorable senate and house of representatives
of the state of Maine, June 10, 1850.*

THE undersigned, an inhabitant of the county of Oxford, would respectfully represent and call to the minds of your honorable bodies, that a great portion of the transportation of the manufactured lumber and other products of this state, is in the winter season, in our cold climate, upon the *snow roads*, and that there is much difficulty in keeping those snow roads in good repair, and that the greatest *difficulty arises* in consequence of the narrowness of the roads as they are fenced out by the *proprietors of the land* over which said roads are located. And the unreasonable delays in passing, and in many instances, great injury sustained by travelers by reason of the roads being incumbered with snow, are subjects worthy of your serious attention.

And your humble servant would respectfully suggest the propriety of enacting a law, the provisions of which, would make the *individul proprietors* liable for all reasonable damages sustained by travelers in their persons or property, by reason of the incumbrance

of snow where the road shall be found fenced narrower than the legally prescribed width by the authorities locating and establishing the same.

And when it shall become necessary in the opinion of the person sustaining damage, to commence a suit for the recovery of actual damage, the commencement of such suit, shall create a lien on the *real estate* connected with the road, where such damage shall have been sustained on both sides, and be and remain until one year after the question of default shall be settled, for the security of damage and costs to him who shall sue and recover therefor in any court of competent jurisdiction.

JOHN HEARSEY, of Canton.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, June 18, 1850.

ORDERED, That 350 copies of the foregoing petition, be printed for the use of the Legislature.

EDMUND W. FLAGG, *Clerk.*