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THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE.

No. 49.]

[HOUSE.

LAND OFFICE, }
Augusta, April 6, 1852. }

SIR:—In compliance with an order of the House of Representatives of March 27, I herewith transmit such information in relation to the sale of timber on lands reserved for public uses, as contemplated by said order.

The law of 1850, which gave to the land agent the care and custody of these reserved lands, made it his duty to sell for *cash* the right to cut and carry away the timber and grass from said lands; said right or permit to continue only until the tracts or townships in which said reserves are located, shall be incorporated, or organized for plantation purposes. Authority to sell the soil was not and could not be given.

By an act of the legislature of 1845 these lands were put into the care of the county commissioners, with power to sell permits annually to individuals to cut the timber upon them. This continued until 1848, when a law was passed by which an agent was appointed in each of the counties, to whose care these reserved lands were transferred.

For five years the county commissioners and agents had granted permits on nearly all of these lands where timber enough could be found to induce an operation; and in the counties of Oxford, Franklin, Somerset, Penobscot, Hancock and Washington, they had been so repeatedly permitted prior to 1850, that a large proportion of them had little or no pine timber left upon them, and

very many of them had but little timber of any kind. Located as these reserves were, in tracts and townships where operations were going on, they were constantly liable to trespass; and it required as much vigilance, and nearly the same expense, to look after one of these reserves, as would a township; and so in granting permits upon them, looking after the operation, collecting stumpage, &c.; hence it was, that while under the former laws for permitting, the best timber has been taken off, the cost attending the sale and management of the same, has left small balances which have gone into the treasury.

Immediately after the passage of the law of August 28, 1850, I took measures to learn the situation and value of the timber on these lands, by corresponding with the agents who had had the care of them, and the commissioners who located them; and when it was thought necessary, and the outlay warranted, explorations were made. From these and such other sources of information as were to be found in this office, I fixed prices and proceeded to sell as purchasers could be found.

In November, 1850, I advertised to sell at auction, at the court house in Norridgewock, the timber on said lands in Somerset county, and had the notice of the sale fully given in the papers published in that county. Having fixed a minimum price on each lot, I offered them to the highest bidder; although the number of people in attendance was large, a few tracts only were taken at such minimum prices, and two only at an advance. I have since, however, sold at private sale most of the timber then offered, at prices equal to those fixed at the auction.

In no other county have I held an auction sale, but by the general knowledge which the community had that this timber was for sale, a spirited competition was presented for most of the tracts sold. For a want of correct information of the value of the timber on some of the tracts sold, low prices may have been obtained in a few instances, but as a whole, I feel the utmost confidence that the sales have been as high as the value and situation of the property sold would warrant, and that more *cash* has already been

paid into the treasury than would ever have been received under the system of permitting, contemplated by former laws. About one hundred and fifty thousand acres of these reserves are yet unsold, among which are many of the best tracts in Piscataquis and Aroostook.

Very respectfully your ob't servant,

ANSON P. MORRILL, *Land Agent.*

HON. GEORGE P. SEWALL,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

COUNTY OF HANCOCK.

Townships.	Quantity Acres.	Date of sale.	Purchasers.	Amount.	Disbursements and Expenses.
3, range 3, N. D.,	960	September 30, 1850.	D. Lord,	\$75 00	\$1 88
16, M. D.,	960	December 13, "	Coffin & Small,	150 00	3 00
22, "	960	November 9, "	Daniel Lord,	238 00	5 00
34, "	960	" 25, "	H. E. Prentiss,	288 00	4 25
39, "	960	September 30, "	D. Lord,	100 00	2 50
40, "	960	" " "	Same,	320 00	5 00

COUNTY OF WASHINGTON.

1, range 1, T. S.,	960	November 27, 1850.	S. Emerson,	200 00	4 25
3, " 1, "	960	" " "	Same,	115 00	2 75
1, " 4, "	960	" 8, "	W. L. McAllister,	300 00	5 00
1, " 2, "	1,000	" " "	Same,	200 00	3 50
1, " 3, "	1,046	October 22, 1851.	Jos. E. Eaton,	333 00	5 00
6, " 1, N. B. P. P.,	960	" 27, 1850.	S. Emerson,	125 00	2 50
8, " 3, "	960	" 9, "	H. E. Prentiss,	480 00	6 25
9, " 3, "	480	" 28, "	Same,	240 00	3 75
10, " 3, "	960	" " "	McDonald, & al.,	240 00	4 25
11, " 3, "	330	" 27, "	S. Emerson,	75 00	1 88
9, " 4, "	480	" 28, "	H. E. Prentiss,	160 00	3 25
1, " 1, T. S.,	240	December 14, "	R. Whidden,	30 00	1 25
2, " 1, "Orient,"	480	" " "	Same,	50 00	1 25
21, E. D.,	960	April 24, 1851.	C. Copeland,	326 46	5 00
27, M. D.,	960	November 27, "	Same,	326 00	5 00
18, "	960	" " 1850.	G. M. Chase & al.,	384 00	5 25
24, "	960	" " "	A. Pillsbury & al.,	384 00	5 25
30, "	960	" " "	M. Water Power Co.,	384 00	5 25
36, "	960	December 31, "	H. E. Prentiss,	1,036 80	10 00
37, "	960	November 27, "	Pillsbury & Chase,	384 00	5 25
42, "	960	" " "	G. M. Chase & al.,	300 00	4 50
43, " E. 1-2,	640	April 24, 1851.	Charles Copeland,	224 00	4 00

COUNTY OF PENOBSCOT.

Hopkins A,	400	August 11, 1851.	J. Skinner and als,	100 00	2 50
1, I. P.,	960	November 7, 1850.	A. B. Farington,	150 00	3 25
2, " "	960	October 24, "	S. F. Hersey,	100 00	2 50
3, " "	1,000	November 9, "	H. E. Prentiss,	150 00	3 25
2, range 9, N. W. P.,	960	" 25, "	George W. Torrey,	126 00	2 75
3, " 1, N. B. P. P.,	1,000	October 19, "	Norman Page,	150 00	3 00
6, " 3, " "	960	November 7, "	H. E. Prentiss,	200 00	5 00
6, " 4, " Pt.,	240	" 7, "	H. E. Prentiss,	80 00	2 00
7, " 4, " "	960	" 7, "	H. E. Prentiss,	192 00	4 50
⊙ A, range 6, W. E. L. S.,	1,000	December 16, "	G. W. Torrey,	175 00	3 00
1, " 6, " "	1,000	October 24, "	W. H. McCrillis,	200 00	3 00
2, " 6, " "	1,000	" 24, "	S. F. Hersey,	150 00	3 00
1, " 7, " "	1,000	November 7, "	A. B. Farington,	50 00	1 50
2, " 7, " "	960	October 24, "	S. F. Hersey,	50 00	1 50
3, " 7, " "	1,000	" 24, "	S. F. Hersey,	75 00	1 88
2, " 8, " "	960	" 28, "	W. H. McCrillis,	250 00	5 00
4, " 8, " "	1,000	June 27, 1851.	G. F. Marston,	100 00	2 50
4, I. P.,	1,000	November 9, 1850.	H. E. Prentiss,	125 00	2 87
4, range 3, N. B. P. P.,	960	" 7, "	H. E. Prentiss,	240 00	5 00
5, " 7, W. E. L. S., 1-4,	250	" 9, "	H. E. Prentiss,	40 00	1 25
5, " 1, N. B. P. P., 1-2,	400	October 22, 1851.	Prentiss & Eaton,	80 00	2 00

RESERVED LANDS.

COUNTY OF AROOSTOOK.

A. range 4, W. E. L. S., 1-2,	500	August 27, 1851.	W. T. & H. Pierce & Co.,	170 00	2 50
15, " 4, " 1-2,	500	March 24, 1852.	McClusky & Munson,	200 00	15 56
14, " 5, " 3-4,	1,000	" 12, 1851.	N. Blake & als.,	297 00	5 00
14, " 7, " "	750	January 6, 1852.	Jewett & March,	262 50	4 50
17, " 5, " "	1,000	June 20, 1851.	Jenkins & Bradley,	360 00	5 50
18, " 10, " "	1,000	March 13, "	E. G. Rawson als.,	360 00	6 50
19, " 12, " "	1,000	August 8, "	Jno. Goddard,	350 00	5 00
13, " 8, " "	500	March 12, "	Bradley & Boynton,	540 00	7 00
12, " 9, " "	1,000	August 29, "	Same,	450 00	6 75
11, " 12, " "	1,000	" " "	J. Farrar,	522 00	5 22

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COUNTY OF AROOSTOOK, (CONTINUED.)

Townships.	Quantity acres.	Date of sale.	Purchasers.	Amount.	Disbursements and Expenses.
17, range 6, W. E. L. S., .	1,000	December 12, 1850.	James Jenkins, . . .	\$325 00	\$5 00
15, " 5, " .	1,000	August 8, 1851.	J. Goddard, . . .	400 00	6 00
14, " 4, " .	1,000	" " " .	Same, . . .	200 00	3 00
K., " 2, " 1-2,	500	March 24, 1852.	Mansur & McClusky, . . .	170 00	3 00
13, " 12, " .	1,000	" 13, 1851.	E. G. Rawson & als., . . .	450 00	8 25
13, " 4, " .	1,000	February 12, 1852.	E. G. Dunn, . . .	250 00	3 50

COUNTY OF PISCATAQUIS.

6, range 9, W. E. L. S., .	1,000	November 29, 1850.	Wm. Jameson, . . .	1,000 00	10 00
A, " 12, " 1-2,	480	January 3, 1851.	Moses Brown, . . .	450 00	6 75
1, " 12, " 1-3,	640	December 16, 1850.	E. S. Coe, . . .	250 00	8 00
3, " 12, " 1-2,	480	March 7, 1851.	Dwinal & Clark, . . .	370 00	7 50
3, " 13, " .	1,000	December 16, 1850.	J. Farrar & al., . . .	150 00	10 00
3, " 14, " .	1,000	October 14, " .	W. B. Harlow, . . .	150 00	9 30
8, " 9, " .	1,000	December 16, " .	Thomas Howe, . . .	675 00	10 00
5, " 10, " 1-4,	250	August 8, 1851.	Jno. Goddard, . . .	200 00	13 75
6, " 10, " .	1,000	November 25, 1850.	H. E. Prentiss, . . .	300 00	5 00
7, " 10, " 1-3,	333	August 8, 1851.	Jno. Goddard, . . .	166 67	10 00
7, " 10, " 2-3,	667	December 4, 1850.	W. Jameson, . . .	150 00	3 00
8, " 10, " .	1,000	" 16, " .	Thos. Howe, . . .	275 00	5 00
7, " 12, " .	1,000	" 4, " .	E. S. Coe, . . .	200 00	5 00
8, " 12, " .	1,000	" 4, " .	Same, . . .	650 00	10 75
7, " 13, " .	1,000	" 4, " .	Same, . . .	750 00	10 00
10, " 9, " .	1,000	January 24, 1852.	W. H. McCrillis, . . .	1,770 00	10 00
9, " 13, " .	1,000	December 4, 1850.	F. S. Coe, . . .	300 00	5 00
1, " 13, " .	1,280	July 31, 1851.	A. & P. Coburn & als., . . .	75 00	2 75
4, " 13, " 1-2,	500	February 26, 1852.	H. E. Prentiss, . . .	525 00	6 25

COUNTY OF SOMERSET.

1, range 5, E. K. R., pt.,	489	January	1, 1851.	A. & P. Coburn,	100 00	2 50
2, " 3, W. K. R.,	967	"	1, "	E. Craggin,	192 00	4 50
1, " 4, "	585	"	1, "	Glazier & Perkins,	117 00	2 50
4, " 4, "	960	"	1, "	Ira Crocker,	1,286 40	12 86
2, " 5, "	960	"	1, "	A. & P. Coburn,	115 00	2 50
3, " 5, "	960	"	1, "	Same,	150 00	3 50
4, " 5, "	960	"	1, "	Same,	300 00	5 00
1, " 6, " 1-2,	489	"	1, "	Same,	150 00	} 4 50
1, " 6, " 1-2,	489	"	1, "	Ira Crocker,	90 00	
2, " 6, " 1-2,	480	"	1, "	Same,	129 00	3 50
3, " 6, "	960	"	1, "	A. & P. Coburn,	600 00	12 00
4, " 6, "	960	"	1, "	Same,	200 00	5 00
5, " 6, "	969	"	1, 1852.	Milliken & Drummond,	480 00	5 00
1, " 7, "	969	"	1, 1851.	Conner & Broadstreet,	369 75	6 00
4, " 7, "	630	"	1, "	A. & P. Coburn,	150 00	3 00
5, " 7, "	655	"	1, "	Same,	750 00	7 50
1, " 1, N. B. K. R., pt.,	292	"	1, "	Same,	50 00	1 50
2, " 1, " "	290	July	31, "	Samuel Robinson,	70 00	} 10 00
2, " 1, " "	489	January	1, "	A. & P. Coburn,	500 00	
3, " 1, "	959	"	1, "	Same,	100 00	2 50
5, " 1, "	960	"	1, "	John Turner,	288 00	5 60
1, " 2, "	1,000	"	1, "	Hunter & Broadstreet,	300 00	5 00
2, " 2, "	1,000	"	1, "	A. & P. Coburn,	100 00	2 50
4, " 2, "	960	"	1, "	Same,	100 00	2 50
1, " 3, "	960	"	1, "	J. B. Bradley,	400 00	6 00
6, " 1, "	1,000	June	5, "	R. M. Mills,	333 33	5 00
W,	480	January	1, "	A. & P. Coburn,	400 00	6 00
4, range 3, W. K. R.,	480	"	1, "	Same,	96 00	2 50
2, " 5, E. K. R.,	963	"	1, "	Ira Crocker,	192 00	4 50

RESERVED LANDS.

COUNTY OF FRANKLIN.

1, range 5, W. B. K. P.,	9 60	June 5, 1851,	Robinson & Bridge,	800 00	30 00	7
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COUNTY OF OXFORD.

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Townships.	Quantity acres.	Date of sale.	Purchasers.	Amount.	Disbursements and Expenses.
Letter C,	960	October 6, 1851.	H. E. Prentiss, . . .	\$100 00	\$2 50
4, range 1, W. B. K. P., . . .	960	April 1, "	W. K. Kimball, . . .	450 00	6 75
4, " 2, " . . .	960	" 1, "	Same, . . .	262 00	5 24
5, " 2, " . . .	960	June 27, "	Nathan Marble & als., . . .	165 00	4 00
4, " 3, " . . .	960	July 31, "	Coburn & Farrar, . . .	300 00	3 00
5, " 3, " . . .	960	June 27, "	N. Marble & als., . . .	150 00	5 00
5, " 4, " . . .	960	April 1, "	W. K. Kimball, . . .	125 00	2 50
	100,958			\$35,015 91	\$609 54

HOUSE.—No. 49.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 10, 1852.

Ordered, That 500 copies of the foregoing Communication, be printed for the use of the Legislature.

EDMUND W. FLAGG, *Clerk.*