

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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THE LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

DURING ITS SESSION

A. D. 1853.

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**Augusta:**  
WILLIAM T. JOHNSON, PRINTER TO THE STATE.

1853.

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# STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT to authorize a lease of the Atlantic and St.  
Lawrence Railroad.

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-  
tives in Legislature assembled, as follows:*

SECTION 1. The Atlantic and St. Lawrence Railroad  
2 Company is hereby authorized to enter into and  
3 execute such a lease of the franchise and railroad of  
4 said Company, or contract in the nature of a lease, as  
5 will enable the lessees thereof, to maintain and operate,  
6 by means of said railroad and other roads in extension  
7 of the same, a connected line of railroads, under one  
8 common direction, superintendence and control, from  
9 the Atlantic ocean at Portland, to the city of Montreal

10 in the Province of Canada, and thence to the western  
11 part of said Province; but nothing contained in this  
12 Act, or in any lease or contract that may be entered  
13 into under the authority of the same, shall exonerate  
14 the said Company or the stockholders thereof from  
15 any duties or liabilities now imposed upon them by  
16 the charter of said Company, or by the general laws  
17 of the State; nor shall anything herein contained, in  
18 any manner limit or circumscribe any power of the  
19 Legislature of this State, to enact laws affecting the  
20 rights, privileges or duties of said Company.

SECT. 2. No such lease or contract shall be entered  
2 into, unless authority for that purpose shall be given  
3 to the Directors of said Company, by a vote of the  
4 stockholders thereof, at a legal meeting of the Com-  
5 pany.

SECT. 3. The city of Portland shall be a party to  
2 any lease or contract that may be entered into, in pur-  
3 suance of this Act, so far as that the written assent of  
4 the Mayor and Aldermen of the city shall be required  
5 thereto; which assent shall be expressed under their  
6 signatures, or the signatures of a majority of them  
7 upon the instrument of lease, or other contract afore-  
8 said; and no alteration of the terms, conditions and

9 provisions of any such lease or contract, shall have  
10 any validity, unless the same is in writing and assented  
11 to, as aforesaid, by the Mayor and Aldermen, as well  
12 as by the other parties to such lease or contract.

SECT. 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval  
2 by the Governor.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 12, 1853.

Passed to be Engrossed.

A. B. FARWELL, *Clerk.*

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE, March 12, 1853.

ORDERED, That 350 copies of the within bill be printed for the use of the Legislature.

LOUIS O. COWAN, *Secretary.*