

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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THE LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

DURING THE

EXTRA SESSION OF 1853, AND SESSION OF 1854.



Augusta:

WILLIAM T. JOHNSON, PRINTER TO THE STATE.

1854.

MESSAGE OF THE GOVERNOR,

COMMUNICATING TO THE LEGISLATURE THE

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS

AUTHORIZED TO PURCHASE

THE LANDS OF MASSACHUSETTS

LYING IN THE STATE OF MAINE.



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# MESSAGE.

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*To the Senate, and*

*House of Representatives :*

THE commissioners under the resolve passed at your last session authorizing the purchase of the lands owned by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts lying in the State of Maine, made their final report to me on the 25th day of July last. Entertaining the opinion that the contract for a purchase entered into by them is one which it is advisable for the state to accept, I issued my proclamation on the first inst., convening you at the present time and place as required by the resolve referred to. The contract, report of commissioners and accompanying documents, are herewith laid before you for your consideration and final action.

WM. G. CROSBY.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, }  
Sept. 20, 1853. }

# REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS.

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*Hon.* WILLIAM G. CROSBY,  
*Governor of Maine :*

THE undersigned, commissioners to negotiate and purchase the lands of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts lying in this state under a resolve of the legislature passed March 31, last past, having attended to the duties of said commission, would respectfully submit the following

## R E P O R T :

That after having had several interviews with the commissioners of Massachusetts and interchanging their several views in relation to the purchase of these lands, they have finally come to an agreement in relation to the same, which all the commissioners have signed and which is herewith transmitted.

It will be seen from this agreement that the Commonwealth has offered to sell all her public lands in Maine for the sum of \$362,500, or, that portion of the same situate in the first five ranges of townships west from the east line of the state for the sum of \$105,000.

And the State of Maine, through its commissioners, has agreed to accept one of the above mentioned offers, subject to the ratification of the legislature on or before the fifth day of October next.

In relation to the offer made by the Commonwealth for the sale of all her public lands in Maine, the commissioners would remark, that the quantity of land being so large, exceeding

1,100,000 acres, and being located in different sections of the state, one portion on the Kennebec waters, another on the Aroostook, and a large portion on the upper waters of the river St. John, it has not been possible for them, within the time limiting their action under said resolve, from personal examination or otherwise, fully to satisfy themselves of the value of said land, and to decide, whether or not, it would be advantageous to the state to purchase them at the price offered by Massachusetts, and therefore they are not prepared to recommend a purchase at that offer.

Knowing, however, the favorable opinion which many entertained of the value of these lands, they were desirous of obtaining the best offer they could from Massachusetts, and in a shape so as to present the same for the consideration of the legislature. They therefore submit this offer of Massachusetts to the legislature for such final action as it may judge expedient.

The commissioners, however, are of opinion, that it will be for the best interests of the state to accept the offer of Massachusetts for the sale of her lands in the five first ranges of townships as set forth in said agreement, that the terms are advantageous, and they would therefore recommend a purchase of the same.

This offer embraces about four hundred and thirty thousand acres of land at a price of twenty-four cents and a fraction per acre. These lands have been to a considerable extent examined by Messrs. Jackson and Holmes, geologists, and their agricultural capabilities made known through the several reports of those gentlemen, made under the direction of the legislature.

In the opinion of the commissioners, some portion of the lands embraced in this offer are more valuable for timber than for settlement, and such lands can be sold at prices above the average paid by Maine. But it is not in a merely commercial view that the purchase is recommended, although the commissioners believe that the sales of these lands, even to settlers, may and should be so managed as to reimburse Maine for all the outlay she makes.

It is believed the whole state has an interest in these lands, and the question to be considered is not whether a few dollars may be lost or gained in the purchase; but whether the opportunity to purchase them shall be suffered to pass without making the purchase, in view of retarding or facilitating the settlement of this part of the state. Should Maine become the owner of the Massachusetts lands in the Aroostook region, there is reason to believe, that by a judicious course of legislation the settlement of this part of the state may be rapidly extended, and the resources of the state greatly augmented from an increase of population and taxable property.

Roads have been made, at the expense of the state, in the direction of these lands; settlements have been commenced upon many of the townships belonging to Maine; mills have been erected at suitable places; but, as Massachusetts has shown no inclination to promote the settlement of this country by encouraging settlements upon her lands, the growth of the country has been visibly retarded from this cause.

Unless, therefore, the state purchase these lands at the present time, they will undoubtedly pass into the hands of private individuals or companies, whose principal object will be to remove all the timber, of any commercial value, from the lands, and who will give but little attention to the settlement of the country.

It will be seen from the act of Massachusetts authorizing the sale of these lands, that unless Maine elected to purchase them, it became the duty of the commissioners to dispose of the same to other purchasers.

In view of this matter, so as to give time to those who might become purchasers to make preparations in the fall for lumbering operations in the ensuing winter, the fifth day of October was the latest period to which the Massachusetts commissioners would consent to limit the time, for the final ratification on the part of Maine.

Two maps of the lands offered for sale by Massachusetts, also a schedule of the lands, and copies of the sales of timber



by Massachusetts, and abstracts of the sales of lands in Maine since the separation, are herewith communicated.

*Dated at Portland this twenty-fifth day of July, 1853.*

REUEL WILLIAMS,  
W. P. FESSENDEN,  
ELIJAH L. HAMLIN.

## AGREEMENT.

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*MEMORANDUM of an agreement between the Commonwealth of Massachusetts of the one part, and the State of Maine on the other part, acting by and through their respective agents thereunto duly authorized, as follows:—viz.*

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts agrees to sell and convey to the State of Maine all the lands belonging to said Commonwealth lying within the State of Maine, including all claims against settlers thereon, and subject to all existing legal contracts and sales of timber heretofore made; the said State of Maine to have the benefit of all amounts to be paid for any stumpage under such contracts accruing upon any future operations, for the sum of \$362,500, to be paid as hereinafter set forth.

Or at the option of said State of Maine, the said commonwealth agrees to sell and convey to said state, all the lands of said commonwealth lying within the first five ranges of townships west of the east line of the State of Maine, including all claims against settlers, and subject to all existing legal contracts and sales of timber heretofore made; the said State to have the benefit of stumpage accruing under future operations as aforesaid, for the sum of \$105,000, to be paid as hereinafter set forth.

The said sums to be paid in such proportion of cash on the delivery of the deed, as the said State of Maine may choose, and the residue in the scrip of said state, payable at any time or times not exceeding twenty years, with interest annually at five per cent., or in such other manner and times as the said parties may hereafter agree.

And the said State of Maine on its part hereby agrees to purchase either the whole of said lands, or so much thereof as is contained within the first five ranges aforesaid, at the prices before named, payable as aforesaid.

This agreement on the part of the State of Maine being subject, however, to the action and ratification of the legislature of said state, as specified in the resolve authorizing this negotiation and contract.

The said ratification by the legislature of Maine to be finally made and concluded upon on or before the fifth day of October next.

The above agreement is not to include the fee of townships and tracts the timber on which was sold to Messrs. Clark and McCrillis by Massachusetts on the twelfth day of March, eighteen hundred and fifty three.

*Dated at Boston, on the twenty-third day of July, A. D. eighteen hundred and fifty-three.*

E. M. WRIGHT,	} Commissioners of Massachusetts. Land Agent.
JACOB H. LOUD,	
DAVID WILDER, JR.,	
SAMUEL WARNER, JR.,	

REUEL WILLIAMS,	} Commissioners of Maine.
W. P. FESSENDEN,	
ELIJAH L. HAMLIN,	

## SCHEDULES.

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SCHEDULE of *Lands belonging to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, contained in the first five Ranges.*

| Township and Range.                                  | Quantity.<br>Acres. | Deductions.—Acres.                       | Remarks.            |
|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <i>Undivided Land.</i>                               |                     |                                          |                     |
| G, R. 1,      W. E. L. S.,                           | 9,303               | Settlers' Lots<br>under Treaty,    3,192 |                     |
| L, R. 2.            "                                | 12,228              | Settlers' Lots<br>under Treaty,    429   |                     |
| M, R. 2.            "                                | 10,058              | Settlers' Lots<br>under Treaty,    4,860 |                     |
| N. pt. 17, R. 4,    "                                | 3,946               |                                          |                     |
| <i>Lands held in severalty.</i>                      |                     |                                          |                     |
| $\frac{1}{2}$ B, R. 1,      W. E. L. S.,             | 11,520              | -   -   -                                | Lotted.             |
| C, R. 1,            "                                | 23,040              | -   -   -                                | Permitted to 1858.  |
| F, R. 1,            "                                | 23,040              | -   -   -                                | Lotted.             |
| A, R. 2,            "                                | 5,649               | -   -   -                                |                     |
| C, R. 2,            "                                | 23,040              |                                          |                     |
| G, R. 2,            "                                | 23,676              | Settlers' Lots<br>under Treaty,    4,971 | Lotted.             |
| I, R. 2,            "                                | 23,040              |                                          |                     |
| S. $\frac{1}{2}$ 2, R. 3,        "                   | 11,366              | -   -   -                                | Permitted to 1860.  |
| 5, R. 3,        "                                    | 23,040              |                                          |                     |
| E. $\frac{1}{2}$ 9, R. 3,        "                   | 11,520              |                                          |                     |
| W. $\frac{1}{2}$ 9, R. 3,        "                   | 11,520              | -   -   -                                | Permitted.          |
| 11, R. 3,        "                                   | 23,040              | -   -   -                                | Permitted to 1861.* |
| 13, R. 3,        "                                   | 23,040              | -   -   -                                | Permitted to 1861.* |
| 15, R. 3,        "                                   | 22,032              | -   -   -                                | Permitted to 1861.* |
| 4, R. 4,        "                                    | 23,040              | -   -   -                                | Permitted to 1860.  |
| S. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 6, R. 4,    "                    | 5,760               | -   -   -                                | Permitted to 1857.  |
| N. W. & S. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ 8, R. 4,<br>W. E. L. S., | 11,520              | -   -   -                                | Permitted to 1860.  |
| N. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ 10, R. 4,    "                   | 5,760               |                                          |                     |
| 12, R. 4,        "                                   | 23,040              | -   -   -                                | Permitted to 1861.* |
| 14, R. 4,        "                                   | 23,040              | -   -   -                                | Permitted to 1855.  |
| E. $\frac{1}{2}$ 2, R. 5,        "                   | 11,358              | -   -   -                                | Permitted to 1860.  |
| 3, R. 5,        "                                    | 22,188              | -   -   -                                | Permitted to 1860.  |
| $\frac{3}{4}$ 9, R. 5,          "                    | 17,280              | -   -   -                                | Permitted.          |
| 15, R. 5,        "                                   | 23,020              | -   -   -                                | do                  |
|                                                      | 460,104             |                                          |                     |

\* Permits on these four townships inure to the benefit of Maine in the event of a purchase.

## TOWNSHIPS held in severalty, unsold and unincumbered.

| Townships, &c., held in severalty.                | Acres.  | Unsold.                                                                  |
|---------------------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| $\frac{1}{2}$ of T. B, R. 1,                      | 11,520  | Lotted.                                                                  |
| C, R. 1,                                          | 23,040  |                                                                          |
| A, R. 2,                                          | 5,649   | Lotted.                                                                  |
| C, R. 2,                                          | 23,040  |                                                                          |
| G, R. 2,                                          | 23,676  | Lotted—net acres, 18,705.                                                |
| *I, R. 2,                                         | 23,040  |                                                                          |
| 5, E. 3,                                          | 23,040  |                                                                          |
| N. E. $\frac{1}{2}$ 10, R. 4,                     | 5,760   |                                                                          |
| S. $\frac{1}{2}$ 6, R. 6,                         | 11,520  |                                                                          |
| S. $\frac{1}{2}$ and N. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ 5, R. 7, | 17,280  |                                                                          |
| W. $\frac{1}{2}$ 3, R. 8,                         | 11,520  |                                                                          |
| B, R. 10,                                         | 17,424  |                                                                          |
| N. E. K. P.                                       |         |                                                                          |
| S. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ No. 3, R. 3,                  | 5,760   |                                                                          |
| No. 6, R. 3,                                      | 500     | Deduct 22,500 acres from full Townships.                                 |
| W. B. K. P.                                       |         |                                                                          |
| S. $\frac{1}{2}$ No. 2, R. 4,                     | 11,520  |                                                                          |
| 4, R. 5,                                          | 11,520  | About $\frac{1}{2}$ of this town within Maine. Payson's Reports—page 12. |
| 3, R. 6,                                          | 8,960   | About $\frac{2}{3}$ of this town in Canada. Payson's Reports—page 12.    |
| 4, R. 6,                                          | 22,185  | About $\frac{1}{4}$ of this town in Canada. Payson's Reports—page 12.    |
| 1, R. 7,                                          | 20,200  |                                                                          |
| 2, R. 7,                                          | 6,734   |                                                                          |
| E. $\frac{1}{2}$ No. 9, R. 3,                     | 11,520  | About $\frac{2}{3}$ in Canada.                                           |
| Total acres,                                      | 295,408 |                                                                          |

\*I, E. 2, was permitted, but the permit was annulled by the Land Commissioners.

TOWNSHIPS, &c., of the undivided Lands remaining unsold,  
belonging to Massachusetts, 1st July, 1853.

| Undivided Lands.<br>W. E. L. S.                    | Acres.              | Remarks.                                                                                    |
|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| T. G, R. 1,                                        | 9,303               | Settlers' Lots under Treaty,* 6,204.06 Acres.                                               |
| L, R. 2,                                           | 12,228              | “ “ “ “ * 265.31                                                                            |
| M, R. 2,                                           | 10,058              | “ “ “ “ * 9,720.67                                                                          |
| N. $\frac{1}{2}$ 17, R. 4,                         | 3,946               | Small part unsold.                                                                          |
| S. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ 7, R. 8,                       | 2,805               |                                                                                             |
| 17, R. 9,                                          | 5,760               | Estimated.                                                                                  |
| 12, R. 10,                                         | 12,316              |                                                                                             |
| 13, R. 10,                                         | 11,997              |                                                                                             |
| 17, R. 10,                                         | 5,760               | Estimated.                                                                                  |
| S. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ 18, R. 12,                     | 2,891               |                                                                                             |
| $\frac{1}{2}$ 4, R. 13,                            | 6,245               |                                                                                             |
| 5, R. 13,                                          | 11,109              |                                                                                             |
| N. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 10, R. 13,                     | 2,907               |                                                                                             |
| 11, R. 13,                                         | 11,609              | Timber sold to Whitaker till 1861, reserving<br>all timber under 15 inches, string measure. |
| 10, R. 14,                                         | 11,560              |                                                                                             |
| W. $\frac{1}{2}$ 7, R. 15,                         | 6,139               |                                                                                             |
| 8, R. 15,                                          | 11,886              |                                                                                             |
| 9, R. 15,                                          | 11,975              |                                                                                             |
| W. $\frac{1}{2}$ and N. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ 5, R. 16, | 9,914 $\frac{1}{2}$ |                                                                                             |
| 6, R. 16,                                          | 11,947              |                                                                                             |
| 7, R. 16,                                          | 12,373              | Timber sold to Thissell till 1860.                                                          |
| 8, R. 16,                                          | 12,059              |                                                                                             |
| 9, R. 16,                                          | 12,271              |                                                                                             |
| 11, R. 16,                                         | 11,571              |                                                                                             |
| 4, R. 17,                                          | 11,520              | Estimated.                                                                                  |
| 5, R. 17,                                          | 11,028              |                                                                                             |
| 6, R. 17,                                          | 11,740              |                                                                                             |
| 8, R. 17,                                          | 11,680              |                                                                                             |
| 9, R. 17,                                          | 12,148              |                                                                                             |
| 10, R. 17,                                         | 16,678              |                                                                                             |
| 11, R. 17,                                         | 14,970              |                                                                                             |
| 4, R. 18,                                          | 15,413              |                                                                                             |
| 6, R. 18,                                          | 11,846              |                                                                                             |
| 7, R. 18,                                          | 12,171              |                                                                                             |
| 8, R. 18,                                          | 11,942              |                                                                                             |
| 9, R. 18,                                          | 7,976               |                                                                                             |
| 5, R. 19,                                          | 8,487               |                                                                                             |
| 6, R. 19,                                          | 13,438              |                                                                                             |
| 7, R. 19,                                          | 12,097              |                                                                                             |
| 5, R. 20,                                          | 10,482              |                                                                                             |
| Total acres,                                       | 414,245             |                                                                                             |

\* To be deducted from whole Township.

TOWNSHIPS held in severalty which are permitted with limitations.

| Townships held in severalty. | Acres.  | Permitted.                                                                                |
|------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| T. F, R. 1,                  | 23,040  | Permitted for five years from 1853—Jenkins, pine timber only.                             |
| S. $\frac{1}{2}$ T, 2, R. 3, | 11,366  | Permitted to Copeland to 1860, pine, spruce, ash and juniper—clause in favor of settlers. |
| “ 11, R. 3,                  | 23,040  | Permitted to Jenness to 1861, pine, spruce and birch—clause in favor of settlers.         |
| “ 13, R. 3,                  | 23,040  | Permitted to Jenness to 1861, pine, spruce and birch—clause in favor of settlers.         |
| “ 15, R. 3,                  | 22,032  | Permitted to Jenness to 1861, pine, spruce and birch—clause in favor of settlers.         |
| “ 4, R. 4,                   | 23,040  | Permitted to Copeland to 1860, pine, spruce, ash and juniper—clause in favor of settlers. |
| “ 8, R. 4,*                  | 23,040  | Permitted to Howe to 1860, pine and spruce—clause in favor of settlers.                   |
| “ 12, R. 4,                  | 23,040  | Permitted to Jenness to 1861, pine, spruce and birch—clause in favor of settlers.         |
| “ 14, R. 4,                  | 23,040  | Permitted to J. Goddard to 1855, pine and spruce—clause in favor of settlers.             |
| E. $\frac{1}{2}$ 2, R. 5,    | 11,358  | Permitted to Bragg to 1860, pine and spruce—clause in favor of settlers.                  |
| 3, R. 5,                     | 22,188  | Permitted to Copeland to 1860, pine, spruce, ash and juniper—clause in favor of settlers. |
| N. $\frac{1}{2}$ 6, R. 6,    | 11,520  | Permitted to McCrillis for five years, 1853.                                              |
| N. B. K. P.                  |         |                                                                                           |
| 3, R. 5,                     | 23,040  | Permitted to F. Adams, five years—pine timber only sold.                                  |
|                              | 262,784 |                                                                                           |
| S. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 6, R. 4, | 5,760   | All the pine and spruce timber sold to Gullifer & Gilman, to December 1, 1857.            |
|                              | 268,544 |                                                                                           |

\* One-half 8, R. 4, sold to L. Jones.

TOWNSHIPS held in severalty—*Timber sold without limit.*

| Townships, &c., held in severalty. | Acres.  | Timber sold unlimited.                                                                                                                     |
|------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| W. $\frac{1}{2}$ T. No. 9, R. 3,   | 11,520  | Unlimited to David Pingree on W. $\frac{1}{2}$ , the E. $\frac{1}{2}$ unsold—clause in favor of settlers.                                  |
| No. 9, R. 5,                       | 17,280  | Unlimited to D. Pingree—clause in favor of settlers.                                                                                       |
| No. 15, R. 5,                      | 23,040  | Unlimited to C. S. Clark, pine and spruce—clause in favor of settlers.                                                                     |
| No. 8, R. 6,                       | 23,040  | Unlimited N. $\frac{1}{2}$ to McCrillis and S. $\frac{1}{2}$ to Pingree, pine and spruce on N. $\frac{1}{2}$ —clause in favor of settlers. |
| No. 16, R. 6,                      | 23,040  | Unlimited to D. Pingree, all timber—clause in favor of settlers.                                                                           |
| No. 9, R. 7,                       | 23,040  | Unlimited to D. Pingree, all timber—clause in favor of settlers.                                                                           |
| No. 10, R. 7,                      | 18,040  | Unlimited to D. Pingree, all timber—clause in favor of settlers. 3,000 acres soil sold.                                                    |
| No. 11, R. 7,                      | 23,040  | Unlimited to D. Pingree, all timber—conditional clause in favor of settlers. 2,000 acres soil sold in E. $\frac{1}{2}$ .                   |
| No. 13, R. 7,                      | 19,040  | Unlimited to Jewett & March—clause in favor of settlers—pine and spruce timber. 4,000 acres soil sold.                                     |
| No. 15, R. 7,                      | 23,040  | Unlimited E. $\frac{1}{2}$ to Pingree and W. $\frac{1}{2}$ to McCrillis, pine and spruce in W. $\frac{1}{2}$ —clause in favor of settlers. |
| A, R. 8 & 9,                       | 19,015  | Unlimited to J. P. Veazie, all timber—clause in favor of settlers.                                                                         |
| N. B. K. P.                        |         |                                                                                                                                            |
| No. 3, R. 3,                       | 5,760   | Unlimited to D. Pingree, $\frac{1}{2}$ of the E. $\frac{1}{2}$ , all the timber—clause in favor of settlers.                               |
|                                    | 228,895 |                                                                                                                                            |

NOTE.—The provision in favor of settlers in most of the deeds conveying the timber is in the following words:—"And whenever lots shall be sold to settlers, by the said Commonwealth, who settle on the same, said grantee, his heirs and assigns, shall remove the timber from such lots the following lumbering season, or as soon thereafter as may be practicable; hereby meaning to be understood, that the foregoing sales of timber shall not operate to retard the settlement of the reserved soil in the townships aforesaid."



## STATE OF MAINE.

LAND OFFICE, May 30, 1853.

HON. E. L. HAMLIN,

Sir :—Herewith please find an abstract of the sales of lands at this office, collections for timber, since the separation of the state to this date.

Respectfully,

I. R. CLARK, *Assistant Land Agent.*

| Year.                                                 | Quantity. | Average per Acre. | Amount.       |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|---------------|
| 1824.                                                 | 1,448     | §0 84             | §1,219 84     |
| 1825.                                                 | 36,711    | 50                | 18,369 92     |
| 1826.                                                 | 12,092    | 40                | 4,822 83      |
| 1827.                                                 | 101,909   | 22                | 22,920 90     |
| 1828.                                                 | 263,676   | 31                | 82,206 51     |
| 1829.                                                 | 129,483   | 21                | 26,627 79     |
| 1830.                                                 | 162,282   | 28                | 45,234 45     |
| 1831.                                                 | 21,621    | 68                | 14,779 64     |
| 1832.                                                 | 92,393    | 66                | 61,091 73     |
| 1833.                                                 | 70,989    | 42                | 30,469 27     |
| 1835.                                                 | 230,146   | 1 45              | 335,478 62    |
| 1836.                                                 | 2,630     | 99                | 2,612 80      |
| 1837.                                                 | 3,274     | 1 66              | 5,447 00      |
| 1838.                                                 | 12,837    | 74                | 9,504 77      |
| 1839.                                                 | 33,558    | 1 48              | 49,718 79     |
| 1841.                                                 | 18,050    | 88                | 15,915 92     |
| 1842.                                                 | 17,868    | 43                | 7,876 27      |
| 1843.                                                 | 1,661     | 28                | 465 77        |
| 1844.                                                 | 147,657   | 1 08              | 159,924 64    |
| 1845.                                                 | 48,459    | 45                | 22,230 26     |
| 1846.                                                 | 47,310    | 60                | 28,514 90     |
| 1847.                                                 | 105,625   | 86                | 91,678 04     |
| 1848.                                                 | 101,220   | 77                | 78,451 95     |
| 1849.                                                 | 145,708   | 46                | 67,074 20     |
| 1850.                                                 | 342,913   | 49½               | 169,538 99    |
| 1851.                                                 | 39,823    | 31                | 12,446 42     |
| 1852.                                                 | 310,802   | 47                | 145,714 01    |
| 1853.                                                 | 297,413   | 50                | 141,871 96    |
|                                                       | 2,800,029 |                   | §1,652,659 19 |
| Amount received for timber in co. with Mass.—Maine ½, |           |                   | 272,358 05    |
| Amount received for timber cut on Maine in severalty, |           |                   | 234,647 57    |
|                                                       |           |                   | §2,159,654 81 |

Average price per acre for lands sold since the separation, 60c.

## STATE OF MAINE.

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LAND OFFICE, June 4, 1853.

Hon. E. L. HAMLIN,

*Sir*.—At your request, I herewith furnish an abstract of the lands owned at this time by Maine in severalty and in common with Massachusetts. Also an abstract of grants by the state to literary institutions—for the benefit of officers and soldiers of the revolutionary war, and various other claims by her citizens. From the records in this office, I find that Maine has granted for various objects as above, something over half a million acres of land since the separation from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Respectfully,

I. R. CLARK, *Assistant Land Agent*.

