

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 23.

AMENDMENTS TO THE BILL AN ACT TO PROVIDE MEANS FOR THE
DEFENCE OF THE NORTHEASTERN FRONTIER.

A.

Amend section one, by adding the words “and the timber sold” after the word “designated,” in line fourteen.

● B.

Amend section two, line twenty, by striking out the word “two” and insert ten.

C.

Amend section three, by adding the following :

Provided, however, that there shall be excepted from
2 said conveyance and from the operations of this act,
3 all lands granted or voted by the present or any pre-
4 ceding legislature, reserving to the state the right to
5 locate such grants within the present year of our Lord
6 eighteen hundred and sixty-four, or within the time
7 or times limited therefor in the several acts or resolves

8 granting the same, all lands heretofore reserved or
9 set apart for public schools, and all lands set apart and
10 designated for settlement under existing laws, and all
11 the lands set apart for the purposes of settlement, shall
12 be sold to settlers, upon the same terms and conditions,
13 by the land agent as is now authorized by law. And
14 it is further provided, that all lands conveyed to
15 said company under this act, which are in the opinion
16 of the governor, state treasurer and land agent, suitable
17 for settlement shall be surveyed into lots by said com-
18 pany, of suitable sizes for the purposes of settlement,
19 not exceeding one hundred and sixty acres to any one
20 lot, which lands shall be open to settlers at a minimum
21 price, not exceeding one dollar per acre, on condition
22 of a continued residence thereon for five years and per-
23 formance of such settling duties as may be prescribed
24 by the said company. And said company is charged
25 with the duty of encouraging immigration into the
26 state, and shall be required to appoint a suitable emi-
27 grant agent, and annually publish such plans, state-
28 ments and other information, as shall give to the pub-
29 lic a better knowledge of the extent, value and sit-
30 uation of the public lands of Maine, now open for
31 settlement, and cause this information to be printed in
32 our own and other languages, and distributed into

33 other states of this Union, and into foreign lands.
34 And the legislature of this state shall have the right
35 at all times to inquire into the manner in which these
36 trusts are executed, and to pass any laws that may be
37 necessary and to impose fines and penalties to secure a
38 compliance with the provisions, liabilities and duties
39 hereinbefore set forth and enjoined.

D.

Mr. DANFORTH of Lagrange proposed to amend by adding the following to section three :

Provided and excepting, that no lands belonging to
2 the State of Maine, lying within the county of Pis-
3 cataquis, shall be taken by virtue of this act for the
4 purpose of aiding in the construction of the trunk line
5 of the European and North American Railway ; but
6 that all of said lands lying in said county of Piscata-
7 quis, shall be and are hereby appropriated, and shall
8 be applied in aid of the construction of "a branch of
9 said railway extending to the slate quarries in the
10 valley of the Pleasant river at Brownville, and to the
11 Katahdin Iron Works, from any point on the line of
12 said railway between Oldtown and Lincoln, as pro-
13 vided in section two of "an act authorizing the further
14 extension of the European and North American Rail-
15 way," passed at the present session of the legislature.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
March 9, 1864. }

On motion of Mr. LYNCH of Portland, the foregoing amendments to the bill an act to provide maans for the defence of the northeastern frontier, were laid on the table and 350 copies of the same ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

HORACE STILSON, *Clerk.*