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 said conveyance and from the operations of this act, all lands granted or voted by the present or any preceding legislature, reserving to the state the right to locate such grants within the present year of our Lord eighteen hundred and sixty-four, or within the time or times limited therefor in the several acts or resolves.
granting the same, all lands heretofore reserved or set apart for public schools, and all lands set apart and designated for settlement under existing laws, and all the lands set apart for the purposes of settlement, shall be sold to settlers, upon the same terms and conditions, by the land agent as is now authorized by law. And it is further provided, that all lands conveyed to said company under this act, which are in the opinion of the governor, state treasurer and land agent, suitable for settlement shall be surveyed into lots by said company, of suitable sizes for the purposes of settlement, not exceeding one hundred and sixty acres to any one lot, which lands shall be open to settlers at a minimum price, not exceeding one dollar per acre, on condition of a continued residence thereon for five years and performance of such settling duties as may be prescribed by the said company. And said company is charged with the duty of encouraging immigration into the state, and shall be required to appoint a suitable emigrant agent, and annually publish such plans, statements and other information, as shall give to the public a better knowledge of the extent, value and situation of the public lands of Maine, now open for settlement, and cause this information to be printed in our own and other languages, and distributed into
other states of this Union, and into foreign lands. And the legislature of this state shall have the right at all times to inquire into the manner in which these trusts are executed, and to pass any laws that may be necessary and to impose fines and penalties to secure a compliance with the provisions, liabilities and duties 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 the State of Maine, lying within the county of Piscataquis, shall be taken by virtue of this act for the purpose of aiding in the construction of the trunk line of the European and North American Railway; but that all of said lands lying in said county of Piscataquis, shall be and are hereby appropriated, and shall be applied in aid of the construction of "a branch of said railway extending to the slate quarries in the valley of the Pleasant river at Brownville, and to the Katahdin Iron Works, from any point on the line of said railway between Oldtown and Lincoln, as provided in section two of "an act authorizing the further extension of the European and North American Railway," 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 means 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.