

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 27.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FOUR.

AN ACT enforcing the provisions of law and treaties relating to the Penobscot tribe of Indians.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

SECTION 1. The governor, with the advice of the
2 council, shall appoint “a discreet man of good moral
3 character and industrious habits to instruct the Penob-
4 scot Indians in the arts of husbandry,” as stipulated
5 in the treaty of eighteen hundred and eighteen, made
6 with said tribe and now in force, who shall superin-
7 tend the agricultural operations of said Indians on the
8 several islands in the Penobscot river belonging to
9 said tribe, and be employed from the first day of May
10 till the last of October annually, in the performance of
11 his duties, using his best endeavors to interest and

12 engage the members of said tribe in agriculture. He
13 shall hold office during the pleasure of the governor
14 and council, and receive a compensation not exceeding
15 fifty dollars per month and necessary travelling ex-
16 penses not exceeding ten dollars per month, to be paid
17 by the agent of said tribe as heretofore.

SECT. 2. Said superintendent of agriculture shall,
2 under the direction of the governor and council, decide
3 upon and procure the plowing and harrowing neces-
4 sary to be done for said Indians, apportioning the same
5 equitably among those engaged in that pursuit, as
6 their several wants shall require, and draw his order
7 on the agent for payment of the same ; also decide the
8 amount and kinds of seed and tools to be furnished by
9 the agent of said tribe, and to be received by said
10 superintendent, on request, and by him distributed
11 among said Indians as by law provided. He shall
12 also ascertain the amount of crops raised by each per-
13 son of said tribe, and give his certificate therefor,
14 stating the kind and quantity of produce raised and
15 the amount of bounty due thereon, to be presented by
16 the producer to the agent of said tribe for payment.
17 And for all contracts and transactions by him done, in
18 performance of his duties, requiring payment, he shall
19 draw his order on the agent of the tribe who is

20 required to pay the same. He shall also keep an
21 account of his transactions and report to the governor
22 and council in November annually.

SECT. 3. Section one of chapter twenty-seven of the
2 special laws of eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, re-
3 lating to the duties of the agent of the Penobscot
4 Indians, is hereby amended in the eighth line, by
5 striking out the words, "as soon after the first day of
6 April as may be," and inserting the following words,
7 to wit: and a certified copy thereof to the governor of
8 said tribe for their use, on or before the tenth day of
9 April annually. And said committee shall hold a
10 meeting with said tribe on the first Wednesday of
11 April annually on Oldtown island, for the purpose of
12 receiving information from such of the tribe as may
13 attend, as to who belong to the tribe, the identity of
14 the person and the correctness of the names; due
15 notice in writing of the time and place of which meet-
16 ing shall be given by said committee.

SECT. 4. All acts and parts of acts requiring the
2 agent of said tribe to perform any of the duties named
3 in this act, or inconsistent herewith, are hereby re-
4 pealed.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
March 11, 1864. }

On motion of Mr. PORTER of Burlington, laid on the table and
350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

HORACE STILSON, *Clerk.*