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ONE-HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE

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Referred to Committee on State Government. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary Presented by Senator Lovell of York.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE

RESOLVE, Authorizing the State of Maine to Convey Certain Land in the City of Saco.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment of the Legislature unless passed as emergencies; and

Whereas, the following legislation is vitally necessary to eliminate a cloud on the title of certain land in the City of Saco; and

Whereas, in order to permit the construction of a school on this land for the education and well-being of the pupils of the City of Saco this cloud on the title should be removed immediately to permit the construction to be started in the spring of 1961; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine, and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

State of Maine; authorized to convey certain land. Resolved: That the Treasurer of State in the name of the State of Maine be authorized and directed to execute and convey, by quitclaim deed, to the City of Saco the interest of the State in a certain piece or parcel of land, as follows:

Know ye that I Sir Wm. Pepperrell of Kittery in the County of York Baronet for & in Consideration of the Inhabitents of the East side of Sawco river Building a meeting house for the Publick Worship of God & there Setting an Ortho-

dox minister in the Congregational way & manner as by the law of their Province Established and for a Burying Place & for Setting up a Schoolhouse and for no other use or End whatsoever the sd. Sr. Wm. doth by these presents give grant Bargain & Confirm for the use aforesd, foure acres of Land as hereafter bounded & Two Acres more for which I have received in full for from Robert Gray of Biddeford in sd. County of York Yeoman the whole six acres is bounded vis. beginning next to sd. Grays land by the present Highway and runs from thence by the sd. highway about northwest Twelve Rhods & from thence North East Eighty rods, and from thence twelve rods to the sd. Grays Land and by ve sd. Grays land Southwest to the first Beginning and the sd. Inhabitants at their own Cost & Charge are forever hereafter to keep up maintain & Support at their own Cost & charge a good & Lawful fence all round Every Part of sd. land and upon this & the aforesd. Considerations the sd. land is To have and to hold unto the Inhabitants of the East side of Sawco River within ye sd. town of Biddeford and their heirs & Successors for the uses aforesd. & for no other use whatsoever from henceforth forward forever.

Meaning and intending to convey the same premises conveyed by W. M. Pepperrell to some of Biddeford inhabitants by deed dated October 9, 1752 and recorded in York County registry of deeds book 31, page 219.

Also, another certain piece or parcel of land located in the City of Saco, as follows:

Whereas the Commonwelath of Massachusetts by a Resolve passed in February 1798 did Grant to the Town of Pepperrellborough from the lands that to them accrued from Sir William Pepperrell Ten acres for the purpose of placing a meeting House and for a Training field and Burying ground. And afterwards by a Resolve passed the 22d. day of June 1799 did authorise the undersigned the locate the same.

Now Know ye that after vewing the said lands & their situation and advising thereon inpursuance of the power & Authority to me committed by the last mentioned Resolve I have located one acre part of the ten in the suitable place for Erecting a meeting House upon the South East side of the Post Road leading to Scarborough where it is intersected by the Road passing over the mill lott from Buxton Corner so called this Acre is ten Rods in wedth on the said Post Road commencing at the angle of intersection and Continueing that wedth on the N. East side of the said Cross Road & to which it adjoins S westerly Sixteen Rods. And nine Acres the residue of the said ten in the mill Lot so called in the form of a Parrallelrogram for burying Ground and a Training field Contiguous unto & adjoining the six acres the Inhabitants of said town purchased of Sir William Pepperrell now deceased in the months of October 1752 these nine acres are bounded as follows Vis. beginning at the South Western corner of the said Six Acres at the Road leading from the mill privilege to Mr. James Gray's from thence extending upon said road N. Westerly eighteen rods then N. East or on a line parallel with the said Six Acres at eighteen rods distance therefrom Eighty rods then south east eighteen Rods to the N. West Corner of the said Six Acres then S. West by the Six acres aforesaid to the beginning these nine with the six acres constitute a lot of thirty Rods by Eighty.

Meaning and intending to convey the same premises conveyed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to Sir William Pepperrell by deed dated November 30, 1799 and recorded in the York County registry of deeds, book 64, page 178.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

There is some doubt as to the ownership of certain land in Pepperell Park in the City of Saco and the purpose of this Resolve is to clear the title as to any interest that may be owned by the State of Maine.