

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1683**

H. P. 1383

House of Representatives, April 13, 1977

On Motion of Mr. Blodgett of Waldoboro, referred to the Committee on Natural Resources. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake.

Cosponsor: Mr. Palmer of Nobleboro.

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## STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SEVEN

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**RESOLVE, Authorizing the Exchange of Certain Public Reserved Lands,  
Oxford Paper Company.**

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Director of Bureau of Public Lands; authorized to consummate exchange of public reserved lands. Resolved: That the Director of the Bureau of Public Lands is authorized to consummate the exchange of lands contemplated by the Agreement dated April 8, 1977, between the State of Maine and Oxford Paper Company, a subsidiary of Boise Cascade Corporation, a copy of which is attached to this resolve and is incorporated herein for all purposes. Any and all lands received by the State pursuant to said exchange shall be, for all purposes, public reserved land of the State of Maine and shall be held in trust by the State under the same terms and conditions as apply to other public reserved lands.

### AGREEMENT

This agreement is dated April 8, 1977, by and between the State of Maine, acting through its Commissioner of Conservation and its Director of the Bureau of Public Lands (hereinafter called the "State") and Oxford Paper Company, a Delaware corporation and a wholly owned subsidiary of Boise Cascade Corporation, a Delaware corporation, by and through the duly authorized officer or agent specified below (hereinafter called "Oxford").

1. Oxford agrees to convey to the State, by quit-claim deed, all its right, title and interest in the real estate described in Exhibit "A" attached.
2. The State agrees to convey to Oxford, by quit-claim deed, all its right, title and interest in the real estate described in Exhibit "B" attached.

3. In the deed mentioned in paragraph 1, Oxford shall assign to the State all of Oxford's right, title and interest in any and all easements and rights of way to the parcel in T.3, R.3, BKPWKR which cross the land of others. In addition, it is agreed that the northwest corner of the parcel in T.4, R.9, NWP shall contain not less than 50 feet of frontage on Maine Route 11 which is readily suitable for the construction of a gravel surfaced land management road for access to said parcel.

4. At the closing of the exchange contemplated by this agreement, the State shall deliver a separate instrument being a covenant not to sue, that the State will never institute any suit or action at law or otherwise seek damages from Oxford or Boise Cascade Corporation for an accounting for rents and profits, based upon any claim the State may now have or ever had against Oxford or Boise Cascade arising from their respective interests in the public reserved lands in the unorganized townships of the State, the State expressly reserving from its covenant the right to pursue any claim it may have against persons or entities other than Oxford or Boise Cascade.

5. The parties to this agreement are aware that the approval of the Board of Directors of Oxford and of the Legislature of the State is necessary to permit the terms hereof to be performed and this agreement is made contingent upon the granting of such approval. The deeds mentioned in paragraphs 1 and 2 shall be delivered promptly after Legislative approval has been obtained. Either party may cancel this agreement at any time before the deeds are delivered by giving written notice to the other.

STATE OF MAINE

OXFORD PAPER COMPANY

By .....

By .....

Lee M. Schepps, Director  
Bureau of Public Lands

Raymond H. Taylor  
Vice President

Approved:

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Richard E. Barringer, Commissioner  
of Department of Conservation

EXHIBIT A

OXFORD LANDS TO STATE

<b>Township</b>	<b>Acreage</b>
T.3, R.3, BKPWKR (Dead River)	5,275
T.4, R.9, NWP*	5,048
<b>TOTAL ACREAGE</b>	<u>10,323</u>

All approximately as shown on the maps attached hereto as Exhibits A-1 and A-2.

\*Oxford shall convey to the State of Maine this parcel together with all of Oxford's right, title and interest to any submerged lands adjacent thereto.

EXHIBIT B  
STATE LANDS TO OXFORD

Township	Acreage	Located	Ownership	Description
T.4, R.1, BKPWKR (Mt. Abraham)	640	Yes	Part	Includes all of Public Lots #3 and #4
T.2, R.6, WELS (Herseytown)	1,000	Yes	All	Includes all of Public Lots #1, #2 and #3
T.2, R.3, BKPWKR (Carrying Place)	960	Yes	All	Includes the School Lot, the Ministry and Minister Lots
T.2, R.4, BKPEKR (East Moxie)	960	Yes	All	Includes all of Public Lots A, B and C
T.2, R.7, WBKP (Merrill Strip)	390	No	All	
T.4, R.9, NWP W $\frac{1}{2}$ & NE $\frac{1}{4}$	750	No	Part	West $\frac{1}{2}$ and N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$
T.10, R.14, WELS South Part	296	No	Part	South of Partition Line
East Middlesex Canal Grant South Part	767	No	Part	South of Partition Line
T.8, R.15 WELS	1,000	No	All	
T.9, R.15, WELS	1,000	No	All	
T.9, R.16, WELS	1,000	No	All	
T.10, R.17, WELS	1,000	No	All	
T. 2, R.3, WBKP	960**	Yes	All	Includes the School Lot, the Ministry and Minister Lots
<b>TOTAL</b>	<hr/>			
ACREAGE	10,723			

\*\*Together with any and all other right, title and interest of the State in the public reserved lands in said township.

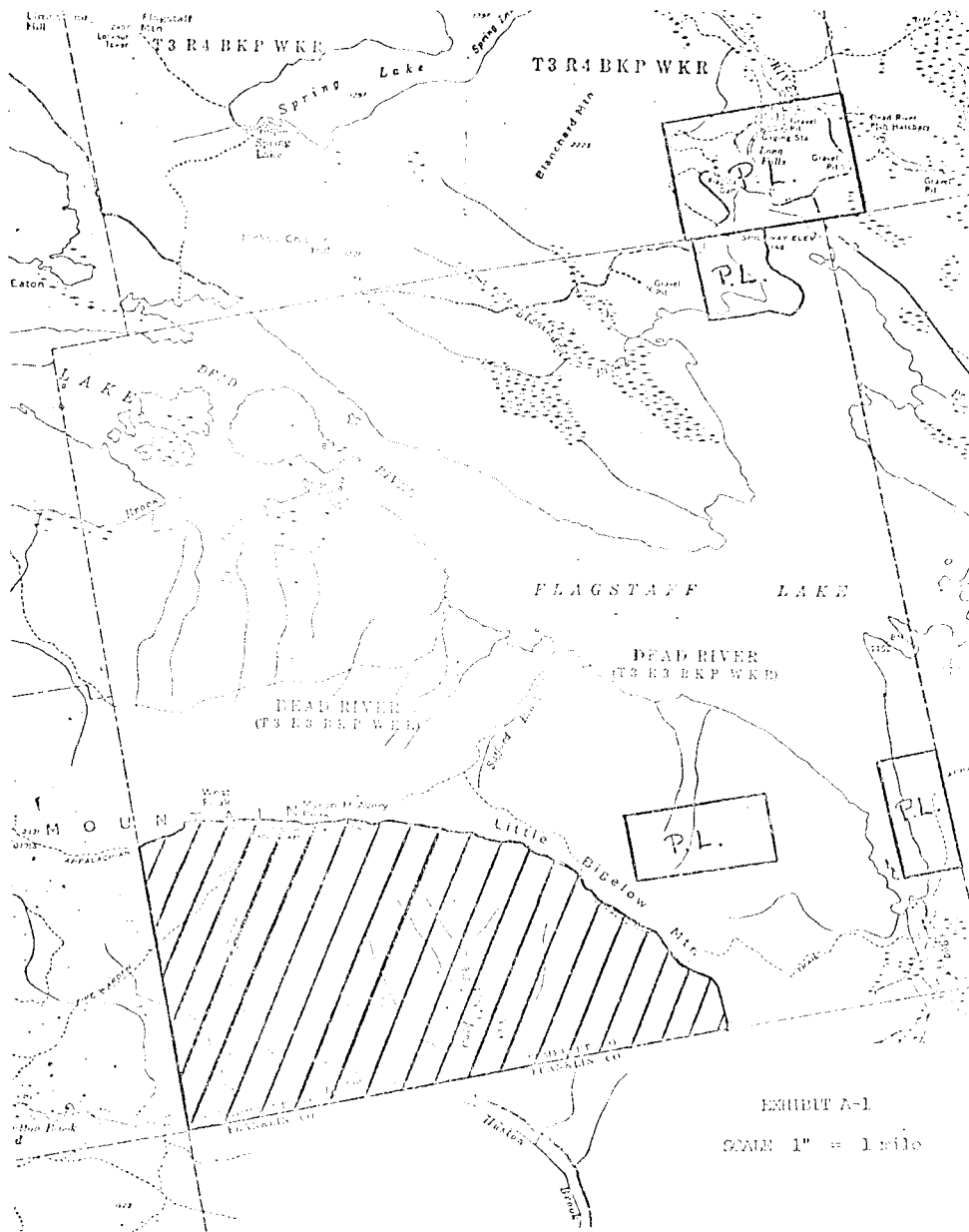
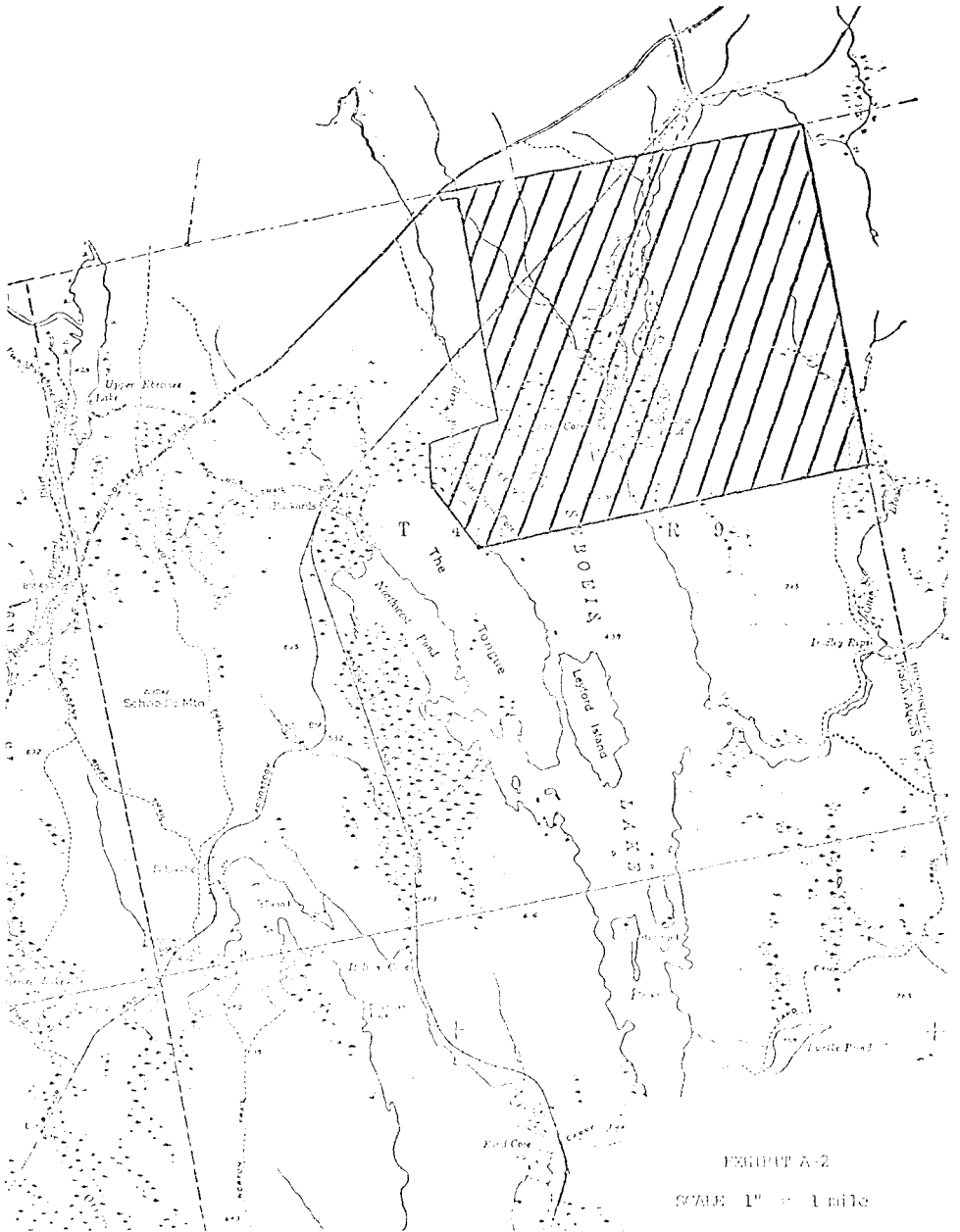


EXHIBIT A-1

SCALE 1" = 1 mile



## STATEMENT OF FACT

This resolve would authorize an exchange of public reserved lands with Oxford Paper Company in which the State would convey approximately 10,723 acres in 13 parcels in exchange for approximately 10,323 acres in 2 parcels. As a part of the trade, Oxford Paper Company would return to the State any interest it has in the timber and grass on the trade lands. The parcels which would be conveyed to the State include a major portion of the Bigelow Preserve and a large tract of timberland surrounding the northern end of Seboeis Lake in southern Piscataquis County, both of which will afford to the State significant opportunities for multiple use management.