

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FORTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 67.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 21, 1870. }

ORDERED, That the Land Agent be directed to report to this House all the facts and documentary evidence in his possession concerning a resolve approved March 22d, 1864, in favor of the Maine Wesleyan Seminary, and what has been done to carry out the conditions thereof.

Read and passed.

S. J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*



STATE OF MAINE.

LAND OFFICE, AUGUSTA, Feb. 22, 1870.

To Hon. Reuben Foster,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—In compliance with an order of the House of Representatives of the 21st instant, I have the honor to transmit the following documentary evidence concerning the Resolve approved March 22, 1864, in favor of the Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Female College:

“Resolve in favor of the Maine Wesleyan Seminary.

Resolved, That the land agent, under the instructions of the governor and council, be and he is hereby directed to sell the timber and lumber upon any one-half township of land belonging to the state not already selected for the permanent school fund, and not otherwise appropriated, after advertising for six months in the state paper, and Bangor Daily Whig, and the paper nearest to where the land is situated, to receive sealed proposals for the timber and lumber on said one-half township of land, in one-eighth sections, and the purchasers to have ten years to take off the said timber and lumber and no longer. A record of the proposals shall be made and kept in the land office, which shall be opened to any one after the day of sale. The proceeds of said sale not exceeding ten thousand dollars net, shall be paid to the trustees of Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Female College; provided that the said trustees shall safely invest the sums so received as a permanent fund for the use and benefit of said seminary and college, the interest only to be annually expended; and provided further, that in consideration of this grant the trustees shall place at the disposal of the governor and council five perpetual scholarships, giving free tuition in said seminary and college to such persons as may be designated by the governor and council, preference to be given to returned soldiers or their children or the children of such as have fallen in defence of their country, and always to the indigent and meritorious; and provided further, that the trustees of

said seminary and college shall raise for the use and benefit of the same the sum of five thousand dollars.”

“STATE OF MAINE.

IN COUNCIL, June 28, 1864.

The Committee of the Whole Council to whom was referred the communication of the Trustees of the Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Female College, and also the communication of Stephen Allen, the Treasurer of said Institution, have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to

REPORT:

That it appears from the communication of said Trustees, that at a special meeting of said Board the following vote was passed, to wit: ‘Whereas, by a Resolve of the Legislature, passed March 22, 1864, and approved the same date, the timber and lumber on one-half township of land was granted to the Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Female College, therefore voted: That the Trustees accept the said grant together with all the conditions of said Resolve.’ It further appears from the communication of said Allen, that five thousand dollars and more has been raised by the Trustees of said Seminary and College for the use and benefit of said Institution by donation and subscription, with a view to meeting the condition of said Resolve. It therefore appears that the said Seminary and College have accepted said grant with the conditions imposed in the Resolve, and it further satisfactorily appears that said Seminary and College has raised the sum of five thousand dollars, one of the conditions contained in the grant. We therefore report that said Seminary and College has complied with the conditions specified in the Resolve making the grant, and that we recommend that the Land Agent proceed to make the location, advertise and take such further action in the premises as will secure to said Institution the amount secured to it by the terms and conditions of said Resolve.

Which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES HOLDEN, *Chairman.*”

“IN COUNCIL, June 28, 1864.

Read and accepted by the Council, and by the Governor approved.

ATTEST: EPHRAIM FLINT, JR.,

Secretary of State.”

Sale of timber and lumber for the benefit of Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Female College:

“LAND OFFICE, Bangor, Oct. 1, 1864.

In pursuance of a Resolve entitled ‘Resolve in favor Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Female College,’ approved March 22, 1864, and order of Council, June 25, 1864:

Sealed proposals will be received at the Land Office until the twentieth day of April, 1865, at twelve o’clock noon, for the purchase in one-eighth sections of the ‘timber and lumber’ for the term of ten years from date hereof, growing upon the northwest and southeast quarters of Township numbered Eight in the Fourth Range of Townships west from the east line of the State, in the county of Aroostook.

The aggregate sum of all proposals made must produce at least the minimum price of fifty cents per acre, or five thousand five hundred ten dollars for the tracts advertised.

Terms cash or approved security.

(Signed) ISAAC R. CLARK, *Land Agent.*”

“LAND OFFICE, Bangor, April 21, 1865.

In pursuance of the Resolve referred to in the advertisement contained severally in the Kennebec Journal, Bangor Whig and Courier and Aroostook Pioneer; sealed proposals have been made and deposited in the Land Office for the purchase of the timber and lumber upon the northwest quarter, and southeast quarter of Township numbered Eight, Range Four, west of the east line of the State, for the benefit of ‘Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Female College,’ and opened this twenty-first day of April, at 1 o’clock P. M., (the day advertised being the annual fast) with the following result, viz: E. H. Hayden, southeast one-fourth, sixty-three cents per acre; northwest one-fourth, fifty-five cents per acre; Samuel H. Dale thirty-five cents per acre for the northeast and southwest quarters; Stephen Allen, agent for and in behalf of the Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Female College, seven thousand five hundred dollars for all timber and lumber growing upon said quarter Townships, and is the largest sums offered, and said Allen as agent for and in behalf of the Trustees of said Seminary and Female College, is therefore declared to be the purchaser to whom or to said Trustees the requisite conveyance or lease for

removing the 'timber and lumber' shall be made for the term of time stipulated in said Resolve.

(Signed) ISAAC R. CLARK, *Land Agent.*"

Extract from the Annual Report of Hon. Isaac R. Clark, Land Agent, for the year ending November 30, 1865.

"The conditions of 'Resolve in favor of Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Female College,' approved March 22, 1864, have been complied with, in the purchase by Mr. Stephen Allen, Agent for the Seminary, of the 'timber and lumber' upon the N. W. and S. E. quarters of township No. 8, R. 4, W. E. L. S., and accepted under the sale made April 19, 1865, in accordance with the terms of the Resolve."

Extract from the Journal of the Senate of January 16, 1868.

"A communication was received from Hon. Isaac R. Clark, as follows :

"In compliance with an order of the 14th inst., making inquiry in relation to the disposition of lands, and timber and lumber, granted under certain resolves named in said order in aid of Bates College, Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Female College, and Westbrook Seminary, I have to report that in pursuance of a resolve approved March 22d, 1864, the 'timber and lumber' upon the northwest and southeast quarters of Township No. 8, R. 4, W. E. L. S., was advertised and offered for sale April 21, 1865, and sold to Stephen Allen, agent for and in behalf of said Seminary, for the sum of seven thousand five hundred dollars, to whom a permit was issued in form for the term of ten years, agreeably with the terms of said resolve; the sum of three thousand eight hundred and fifty dollars being the only responsible sum proposed under the amount named by said Allen."

I can find no record of the permit given to Stephen Allen, as no record of permits issued from the Land Office had been kept for several years previous to my entering upon the duties of this office.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

PARKER P. BURLEIGH, *Land Agent.*

STATE OF MAINE.

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Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee on Education.

S. J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*