

# FIFTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE.

#### SENATE.

## STATE OF MAINE.

[No. 108.] RESOLVE in favor of Andrew K. Higgins.

Resolved, That the land agent be empowered and is 2 instructed to deed Andrew K. Higgins, lot number 3 thirty-eight, in Oakfield plantation, in the county of 4 Aroostook, without further settling duties.

#### STATEMENT OF FACTS.

#### To the Legislature of Maine:

Respectfully represents your petitioner, Andrew K. Higgins of Oakfield plantation, in the county of Aroostook, that a certificate of lot number thirty-eight, in said Oakfield, was issued to one George W. Robbins by Parker P. Burleigh, Land Agent, bearing date of June 8, A. D. 1871; that your petitioner in consideration of two hundred dollars procured an assignment of said certificate to himself, dated February 16, 1874; that all the settling duties on said lot have been performed except the erection of a dwellinghouse thereon. And your petitioner asks that all further settling duties as to said lot may be waived, and that the Legislature by a special enactment give him a deed of said lot.

The reasons for this request and consideration are as follows, to wit: That the father of your petitioner, B. F. Higgins, went into said Oakfield some five years ago, took up and performed the settling duties of lot 71 and received a deed; that S. F. Higgins, son of said B. F. Higgins, and brother of your petitioner, took up and performed the settling duties on lot 70 in said Oakfield, and received a deed; that the widow of Thomas Segars and the present wife of said B. F. Higgins, received a deed from the State of Maine of lot 57 in said Oakfield; that all of said lots adjoin or are near each other; that your petitioner, now twenty-one years of age, is a member of a family of six boys, four of whom are of such ages as to be of great use and render great service in the settlement and improvement of said lots and in building roads to them; that they have been of efficient service in this respect in the past; that said lots till said B. F. Higgins reached them, were in the midst of a wilderness; that said F. S. Higgins has erected a good and substantial frame barn and house on his lot; that said B. F. Higgins has erected a good and substantial frame barn and house on his lot; that upon one of said lots the said B. F. Higgins, F. S. Higgins, your petitioner, with the assistance of the minor sons of said B. F. Higgins, by their united labor and efforts, have

erected a saw mill at an expense of about sixteen hundred dollars, now fully completed and ready for active operation. And your petitioners further presents that by the united efforts of himself with his father and his brothers they have greatly facilitated the settlement of the public lands about there and the improvement of the roads leading to and from the same, and is entitled to this his reasonable request.

### ANDREW K. HIGGINS.

## STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 18, 1875.

Reported in the House from Committee on State Lands and State Roads, and pending its first reading in the Senate, laid over to be printed, with the Statement of Facts, under the Joint Rule.

SAMUEL W. LANE, Secretary.