

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

No. 27.

STATE OF MAINE.

[H. R. 21.] RESOLVE in favor of Swedish settlers.

Resolved, That the land agent be and he is hereby
2 authorized to convey to each Swedish settler who is
3 not now accommodated with a sufficient number of
4 acres of cultivable land for a farm, an additional quan-
5 tity not exceeding one lot, without the requirement of
6 settling duties thereon, for the sum of thirty-five
7 cents per acre, payable in road labor in one and two
8 years.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

CARIBOU, Nov. 21, 1876.

Hon. Edwin C. Burleigh, Land Agent,

Dear Sir—There are several of the Swedes who have settled on lots without one acre of cultivable land, and on which they can never obtain a livelihood. They have cleared and ditched in some instances, thinking they might raise crops thereon as in old Sweden. Such ones have had to resort to making shingles, or working for others. Having built comfortable buildings on these swamp lots, if they could obtain twenty or thirty acres of hard-wood land within a mile, or even two, they would be satisfied. So you see, that one of the vacant lots could be divided between two or three of those who are deserving of sympathy, with great advantage. So many of the settlers have spoken to me about the matter, that I have made enquiries, and from my own knowledge I am satisfied that the interests of all concerned require that some action should be taken in the matter.

Very truly yours,

NATHAN S. LUFKIN, Local Agent.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, January 30, 1877.

Reported by Mr. BOARDMAN of Waldo, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, and laid over to be printed, with Statement of Facts, under the Joint Rule.

S. W. LANE, *Secretary*