

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE.

SENATE

No. 42.

STATE OF MAINE.

[S. 26.] RESOLVE in favor of an appropriation to carry into effect the provisions of chapter fifty-eight of the public laws of eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, in relation to the establishment of meridian lines.

Resolved, That the sum of five hundred dollars is
2 hereby appropriated for the purpose of carrying into
3 effect the provisions of the above resolve.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

Chapter forty-three of the Revised Statutes makes it the duty of the County Commissioners to erect in their counties, "On land owned by the county, or for that purpose acquired by them, at such place or places as the public convenience requires, a true meridian line, to be perpetuated by stone pillars with brass or copper points firmly fixed on the tops thereof, indicating the true range of such meridian," &c. ; and section 16 of the same chapter provides that "When such meridian is so established in any county, the Governor and Council shall appoint a competent commissioner to inspect and verify it by astronomical observations, who shall make a report of his doings, with an accurate description of such structure, its latitude and longitude, and the declination of the needle at the time, and deposit a record thereof with the clerk of the court for such county, and shall be entitled to such just compensation for his services as the Governor and Council may allow." The County Commissioners of Aroostook County have complied with the provisions of said chapter, in that they have erected stone pillars upon land at Hancock Barracks, in the town of Houlton, purchased of the United States. But there has been no Commissioner appointed by the Governor and Council, as provided in said chapter, to inspect and verify said meridian line, no appropriation sufficient to defray the expense of said verification in Aroostook County having been made.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, January 31, 1877.

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

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary.*