

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Fifty-Seventh Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 28.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of repairing bridge across the Aroostook river, in the town of Ashland.

Resolved, That the sum of five hundred dollars be
2 appropriated for the repair of the bridge across the
3 Aroostook river, in the town of Ashland, to be paid
4 the town treasurer of said town, upon acceptance of
5 bridge by the county commissioners.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

To the Hon. Senate and House of Representatives:

We, the undersigned, citizens of Ashland and of towns and plantations in the vicinity, do respectfully petition and represent, that the bridge across the Aroostook river in the said town of Ashland, is in a very dilapidated state, such as to make the passage of it by loaded teams very unsafe; that the town of Ashland has kept this bridge (348 feet span) in repair for about thirty years without any aid from the State, and at a great expense to the town; that there has been expended upon it in the spring and summer of 1877, above six hundred dollars, which was absolutely necessary to prevent it from being washed away by the next rise of water; that this sum of six hundred dollars did not pay but for a small part of the repairs needed for the safety of passengers and teams over it. That the town of Ashland contains two other bridges, viz: One across the Big Machias stream, which is likewise a covered bridge of 100 feet span, and the other across the Little Machias stream of 160 feet span; that these three bridges, in addition to the highways which must be kept in repair, are and have been very costly to the town of Ashland, whose inhabitants find it very difficult to meet such heavy expense; that the bridge across the Aroostook river is the only one above Maysville on the river, and consequently is the passage across the river to convene the inhabitants of our extensive country in its vicinity; and being on the main travelled road to the northern part of the county, all parties having business in that direction have to pass the river by it.

We therefore pray your honorable bodies to grant an appropriation of one thousand dollars to the said town of Ashland, to aid in placing said bridge in a state which will render the lives and property of all persons tolerably safe while passing over it.

And we, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

NATHANIEL BLAKE and others.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
January 23, 1878. }

Reported from the Committee on Ways and Bridges, by Mr.
BROWNE of Bowdoinham, and ordered printed, with Statement
of Facts, under the Joint Rule.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*