

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# FIFTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE.

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HOUSE.

No. 73.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD, ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-NINE.

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AN ACT to authorize the county of Androscoggin to procure a loan.

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:*

SECTION 1. The county of Androscoggin is  
2 hereby authorized to procure by loan on the faith  
3 and responsibility of said county, a sum not ex-  
4 ceeding forty thousand dollars, to be used and  
5 expended by and under the direction of the county  
6 commissioners of said county, for the purpose of  
7 paying the floating debt and temporary loans of  
8 said county. And the treasurer of said county is  
9 hereby authorized, under the direction of said com-  
10 missioners, to issue county bonds therefor, with  
11 coupons for interest attached. The interest on

12 said bonds shall not exceed five per cent. per annum  
13 and be payable semi-annually at the office of the  
14 county treasurer for said county. The principal  
15 of said bonds shall be reimbursed by said county  
16 at such time or times, not exceeding thirty years,  
17 as the said commissioners may decree; and none  
18 of these bonds shall be sold or negotiated by said  
19 county at a less sum than par. Said bonds shall  
20 be signed by the treasurer of the county, and coun-  
21 tersigned by the board of county commissioners,  
22 and attested under the seal of the county by the  
23 clerk of courts for said county.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS.

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Statement showing the excess of liabilities of the county of Androscoggin, from the close of the year 1858 to the close of the year 1878, as they appear on the County Treasurer's books, with notes opposite those years when unusual expenditures were made.

1858.	Bonds for construction of county build-				
	ings outstanding .....			\$100,000	00
	Temporary loans .....			5,075	00
	Unpaid bills .....			1,228	55
				106,303	55
	Less amount of resources .....			6,343	50
				99,960	05
1859.	“	“	.....	99,823	13
1860.	“	“	.....	99,504	59
1861.	“	“	.....	102,189	84
				[ Trial of Joel C. Preble for murder.]	
1862.	“	“	.....	100,253	68
1863.	“	“	.....	99,676	67
1864.	“	“	.....	96,283	93
1865.	“	“	.....	98,392	09
				[ Toll bridge between Lewiston and Auburn purchased, \$7,500.]	
1866.	“	“	.....	99,658	34
1867.	“	“	.....	101,171	25
				[ Luther J. Verrill, trial for murder.]	

1868.	Excess of liabilities.....	\$104,284	50	[ Land damages, \$1,795.52; criminal costs by C. C., \$2,101.41.]
1869.	“ “ .....	110,568	10	[ Repairs of county buildings, \$7,861.05; land damages, \$3,119.05.]
1870.	“ “ .....	106,752	55	
1871.	“ “ .....	96,615	18	
1872.	“ “ .....	81,876	30	
1873.	“ “ .....	84,363	14	[ County workshop built, \$4,679.69.]
1874.	“ “ .....	88,664	16	[ Fitting up workshop building, sheds, &c., \$3,515.13; trial of James M. Lowell, \$3,500.00.]
1875.	“ “ .....	95,219	78	[ Enlargement of jail and repairs on county buildings, \$4,258.27; long terms of court and jury pay rolls, \$4,036.08.]
1876.	“ “ .....	96,769	10	
1877.	“ “ .....	96,682	70	
1878.	“ “ .....	96,586	45	

It will be seen that the bonds issued for the construction of county buildings was originally \$100,000; \$34,000 of the bonds have been paid. Bonds were issued for the purchase of toll bridge, \$7,500, all of which have been paid.

While the bonded debt of the county has been reduced, and the actual indebtedness to some extent, the temporary loan debt has been increased, for the reason that we have not been able with the taxes assessed to pay the expenses of the county, and pay the bonds, coupons and interest that have fallen due from year to year.

For the last four years the number of prisoners in jail has been large, and consequently expenses for their support large, as will be seen by reference to yearly statements.

A. F. MERRILL,  
Treasurer of Androscoggin Co.

AUBURN, Feb. 4, 1879.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
February 6, 1879. }

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B. L. STAPLES, *Clerk.*