

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# FIFTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE.

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HOUSE.

No. 101.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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RESOLVE in favor of the town of Grafton, in  
Oxford county.

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*Resolved,* That the sum of one thousand dollars  
2 be and the same is hereby appropriated in aid of  
3 the road in the town of Grafton, in the county of  
4 Oxford, the same to be expended under the direc-  
5 tion of the county commissioners of said county.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS.

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The town of Grafton, Oxford county, lies twenty miles northwest of Bethel, on the direct stage route from Bethel to Enol, N. H. It was first settled in 1838, and incorporated as a town A. D. 1852. It contains one hundred inhabitants, twenty polls, and its valuation in A. D. 1870 was \$26,675. Its present indebtedness is \$1,000. It has ten miles of road to support, about three miles of which passes through a gorge, with just room enough for the road and river, (Bear river,) and the road crosses the river five times in this distance, requiring the building of bridges; and much of the remainder of the road through this pass or gorge passes over ledges which must be covered with earth. The rapid rise in the river frequently carries away the bridges, and washes the earth from the ledges, and imposes a burden upon the inhabitants they are unable to bear without distressing their families. The people are among the most industrious and frugal people in the State, and do not desire to shrink any responsibility, and only come before the Legislature asking for assistance because they feel the burden imposed upon them by the late unprecedented freshet is greater than they can bear alone.

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
February 10, 1879. }

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

B. L. STAPLES, *Clerk.*