

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# FIFTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE.

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HOUSE.

No. 102.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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**RESOLVE** authorizing an adjustment for land purchased from the state.

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*Resolved,* That the sum of five hundred dollars be  
2 and the same is hereby appropriated to be paid to  
3 Arad Thompson, out of any money not otherwise  
4 appropriated; which sum shall be in full satisfac-  
5 tion for deficiency in quantity in township number  
6 seven, range nine, north of Waldo Patent in the  
7 county of Piscataquis, sold to Joseph E. Eaton  
8 and Thomas W. Baldwin by the state, in the year  
9 eighteen hundred and sixty-seven.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS.

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In the year 1867, township No. 7, range 9, north of Waldo patent, in the county of Piscataquis, was sold by the State, at an auction sale, in Bangor, at the rate of thirty-six cents per acre, and the purchasers took from the Land Agent, a deed of the township, its area being reckoned at 23,040 acres.

By the description made in the deed, reference was had "to a plan and survey made and returned to the land office in the year 1812, by Alexander Greenwood," when, in fact, no such plan and survey of the township in question was ever made by said Greenwood. But, as the facts now appear, a survey of said township, with others, had been made in the year 1794, by Samuel Weston, surveyor, but no plan or field-notes of his survey was ever returned to the land office. Hence, by the erroneous description in the deed, the purchasers had no other means of finding the outlines of their purchase but to employ an experienced surveyor for that purpose.

Soon after these lines had been run by Weston, in 1794, the greater part of the original growth on the township, was prostrated by a tremendous tornado, which swept over many miles of territory, and shortly after fires swept over the country, so that the lines and monuments marked by Weston had become so far obliterated as to render it extremely difficult to find any traces of them, except where the lines crossed certain skirts of black growth on the margin of streams and ponds.

In 1871, the purchasers employed surveyors to go on to the township, and trace out, and renew the lines, in accordance with Weston's original survey, at an expense to the purchasers of upwards of one thousand dollars, when it was found, by actual measurement, that the township contained only 21,650 acres, or 1,390 acres less than the purchasers bought and paid for. This deficiency of 1,390 acres, at 36 cents per acre, amounts to \$500.40, and this sum the purchases ask to have refunded to them by the State, according to the resolve herewith submitted.

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
March 4, 1880. }

Reported by Mr. FENNELLY, from the Committee on Claims,  
and ordered printed under Rule.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk*.