

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# SIXTIETH LEGISLATURE.

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HOUSE.

No. 83.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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RESOLVE in favor of the county of Franklin.

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*Resolved,* That five hundred dollars be appropriated to assist the county commissioner of Franklin county in building a road leading from Kingfield to Eustis, through the township of Jerusalem, so called, the same to be expended under the direction of the said county commissioner of Franklin county.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS.

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In the year 1868, the Legislature of our State was asked to appropriate, and did so appropriate, the sum of one thousand dollars to aid in building a road leading from Kingfield to Eustis, all within the county of Franklin. This money was drawn and placed in the hands of E. W. Hinds, agent of said Franklin county, to expend in building said road. Immediately Mr. Hinds proceeded to expend this money under the direction of the County Commissioners. Soon after these events had taken place, this agent (E. W. Hinds) died, leaving a large portion of the aforesaid appropriation unexpended. Before his affairs could be settled and a new agent appointed to expend the balance upon the road, the term of one year in which the agent was allowed to expend this appropriation had expired, and the balance was conveyed back into the treasury of the State of Maine.

In the year 1873, a re-appropriation of the sum of five hundred dollars was made by the legislature. But it was soon ascertained that the location would expire before this sum could possibly be expended; therefore, it was never drawn out of the treasury. In the year 1874, or near that time, upon a petition to the county commissioners a new location of this road was made over substantially the said route as the original location. Since that time the county commissioners have assessed upon the county and upon the land owners large sums of money to expend in building this road. The county has been heavily burdened by these taxes, and feels that it is no more than just that they should have the whole sum originally appropriated to expend in building this road. This road offers an outlet to a rich farming com-

munity located in the valley of the Dead river region, and is also the most direct route over which to haul supplies for lumbering operations on the Dead river waters.

There is but one other road leading to this community, and that is very circuitous and hilly. This route is comparatively level, as it follows the valley of the Carrabasset nearly its whole distance, and shortens the distance between Eustis and Farmington, the shire town of Franklin county, twelve miles. The summer or the fishing travel to these regions is increasing yearly, and would be greatly accelerated if a good road could be had over this route. The road in its present condition is very bad, and almost impassable in the summer months.

Per order of Committee.

WILLIAM S. GILBERT.

# STATE OF MAINE.

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In HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
February 17, 1881. }

Reported by Mr. NICKERSON, from Committee on Ways and  
Bridges, and ordered printed under Joint Rule.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*