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Sixty-Fourth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 68.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of the town of Littleton.

Resolved, That there be and is hereby appropriated the sum of four hundred dollars to be expended under the direction of the county commissioners of Aroostook county or by some one by them appointed to aid in building a bridge across Meduxnekeag river in the town of Littleton in the county of Aroostook.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The town of Littleton is situated seven miles north of Houlton in the county of Aroostook. The mail stage road from Houlton to Presque Isle is through said town of Littleton. Littleton is an agricultural town, its inhabitants almost wholly devoted to agriculture. It has a population of less than one thousand inhabitants. Its present valuation is less than \$150,000. It has no town property. It has twelve quite expensive bridges to keep in repair at the present time and its roads are expensive to keep in repair, besides, the town now has two and one-half miles of new roads located which must be built at a large expense. The county commissioners of Aroostook county located a road across the Meduxnekeag river last year which will compel the town to build a bridge some fifteen rods in length at an estimated expense of \$5000 which sum is an excessive burden for a town with the means of said town of Littleton. Said bridge across said river is undoubtedly a necessity from the fact it will shorten the distance of travel to Houlton, the place of business and the market for all southern Aroostook, some two or more miles besides avoiding several very hard hills which cannot be avoided in any other way. This road with this bridge will also very much increase the value of taxable property, develop a large agricultural section and open up for settlement a large tract of good farming land which will increase the taxable property very much that contributes to the State treasury. Thus it seems as a matter of justice to this little town and of economy for the State a small appropriation should be granted to assist in development and increasing taxable property.

JOHN R. WEED.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
January 31, 1889. }

Reported from Committee on Ways and Bridges by Mr. WEED of
Littleton; ordered printed under joint rule.

NICHOLAS FESSENDEN, *Clerk.*