

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Fifth Legislature.

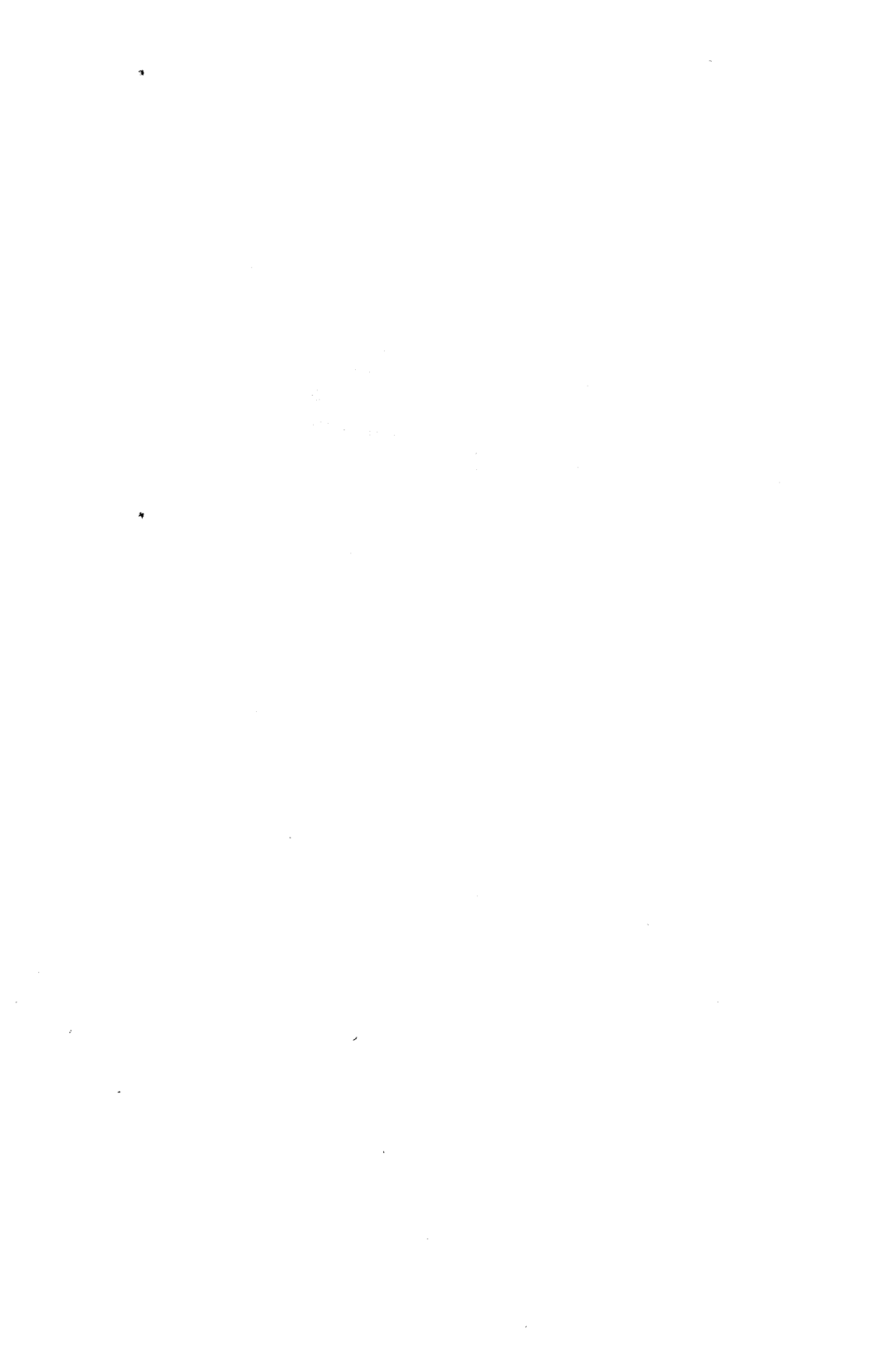
HOUSE.

No. 151.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of Oliver Van Meter.

Resolved, That the land agent be and hereby is
2 directed to convey to Oliver Van Meter of Deer
3 Isle all the right, title and interest the State of
4 Maine has in and to lot number thirty-eight in town-
5 ship number four, Indian purchase.



STATEMENT OF FACTS.

Newport Rhode Island (colored) was a Revolutionary soldier in the eleventh Massachusetts regiment. His widow, Phillis Rhode Island, applied for two hundred acres of land under Resolve of March 17, 1835. Her application was dated September 1, 1835. She died in January, 1836. The land was awarded to her in March, 1836, two months after her death. March 25, 1837, a deed was made to her of lot No. 38, in township No. 4, Indian Purchase, and delivered to H. W. Paine for S. W. Robinson, her attorney. It being fourteen months after her decease, the deed was of no effect. In 1858 Phillis Russell, only child and heir of Newport Rhode Island and his wife, Phillis Rhode Island, applied to legislature for a deed of the land. The legislature passed a resolve authorizing the conveyance, but before the deed was made she died. In 1859 Abigail Van Meter, only child and heir of Phillis Russell, applied to the legislature for a deed of this same land. The legislature passed a resolve authorizing the conveyance, provided the first deed made to Phillis Rhode Island was returned and cancelled. That deed cannot be found, is not recorded in the county registry, and is void. Abigail Van Meter is dead. She left a husband, Oliver Van Meter, who is very poor, and two sons of age. This resolve authorizes the conveyance to Oliver Van Meter, husband of the grandchild of Newport Rhode Island, the soldier.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 26, 1891. }

Reported by Mr. CLARK of Richmond, from Committee on State
Lands and State Roads, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*