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Sixty-Seventh Legislature.

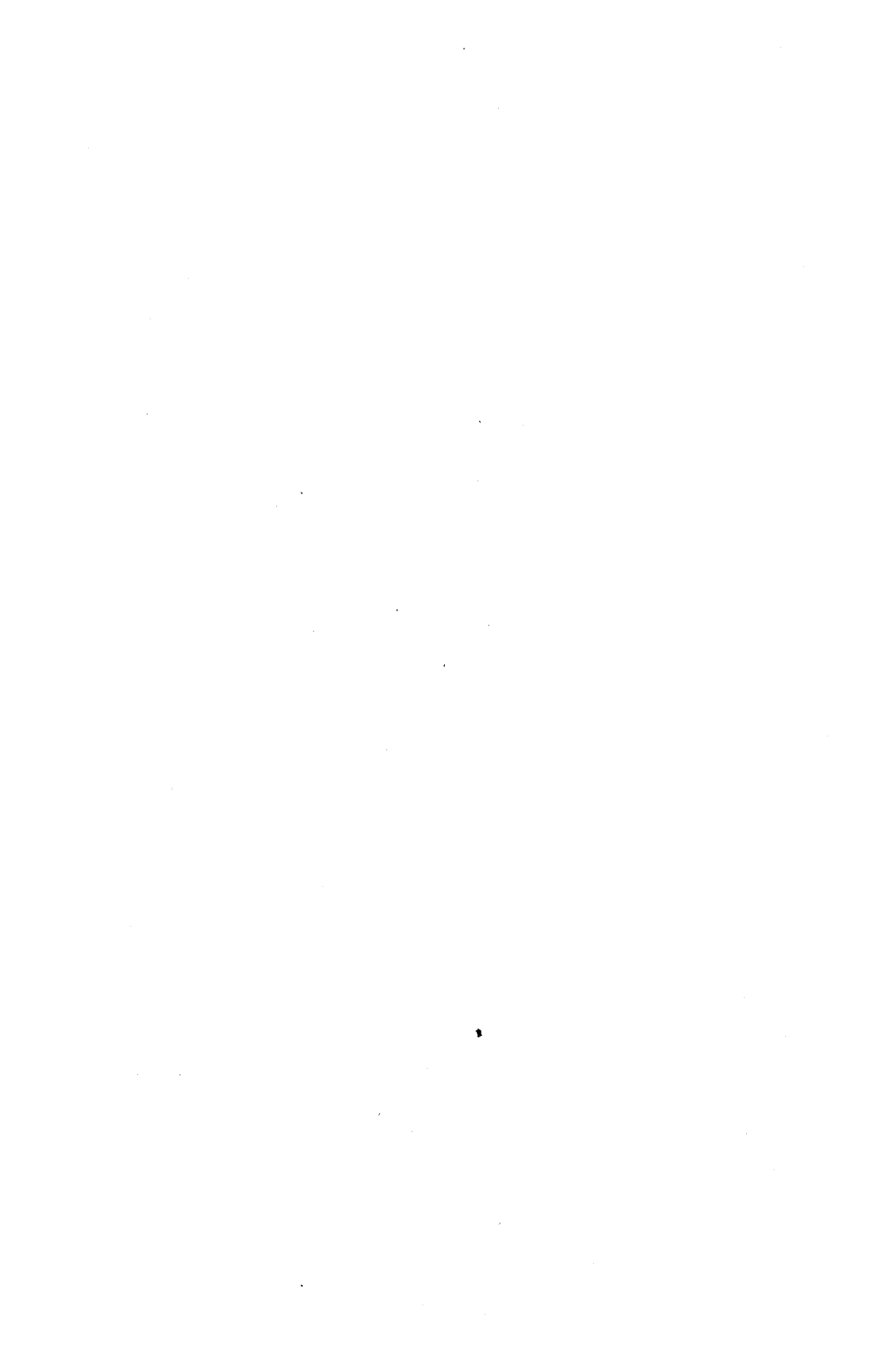
HOUSE.

No. 71.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in aid of blasting Ledge and repairing Highway
in the town of Concord.

Resolved, That the sum of two hundred dollars be and
2 is hereby appropriated in aid of blasting ledge and repair-
3 ing highway in the town of Concord, and that the money
4 be expended under the direction of the county commis-
5 sioners.



STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The population of the town of concord is 345, its valuation is \$60,092, rate of taxation is two and a half per cent, being among the highest in the county; the town has no village and goes largely for trade and post facilities to Bingham, which lies opposite on the other side of Kennebec river. Lying east and west across the town with its eastern end forming an abrupt, precipitous ledge bank to the river lies Old Bluff mountain, practically dividing the town into two parts with no practicable communication between the two except around the precipitous end of Old Bluff. Here there has been a ferry for many years and a road built and maintained at large expense against the face of Old Bluff and up the hill to the northern half of the town; this road is now on a timber cob piling, in some places twenty-five feet deep. The piling is getting old and dangerous and the better way would be to blast a road in the ledge where necessary. The ledge is a very hard layer of slate and the expense of such a work is more than the town is able to bear. Especially in view of the fact that on the twenty-seventh day of June last, seven inches of rain fell, carrying away twelve bridges and washing out a mile and a half of road which cost the town three hundred and fifty dollars to patch up and make passible, and will cost eight hundred dollars more to put them in as good shape as they were before the shower. This added to our usual appropriation of ten hundred dollars will make eighteen hundred dollars the town will have to raise this spring for highway purposes. This is outside of the ledge around Old Bluff for which we wish the appropriation. The town authorities have made a careful estimate of the cost of blasting around Old Bluff and are satisfied it will cost eight hundred dollars to do the job, of which we ask the State to appropriate the sum of four hundred dollars (\$400).

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 6, 1895. }.

Reported by Mr. JENNINGS of Wayne, from Committee on Ways
and Bridges, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*