

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Sixty-Seventh Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 275.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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RESOLVE authorizing the land agent to sell and convey all the interest of the State of Maine in and to seven acres of land in Freeport, Maine, forming the western part of Williams' Island.

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*Resolved*, That the land agent be and hereby is authorized to sell all the interest which the State of Maine has in and to seven acres of land more or less, in Freeport, Maine, forming the western part of Williams' island, and convey the same to Thomas J. Mann and heirs of James Mann for the sum of five dollars.



## STATEMENT OF FACTS.

Williams' island is situated in Casco bay in town of Freeport. Freeport was formerly a part of the town of North Yarmouth.

In the year 1733, the General Court of Massachusetts granted to the proprietors of the town of North Yarmouth certain lots on the main land and the islands in the bay within the limits of the town.

Williams' island is one of these islands so conveyed. The present owners have a deed from Thomas Woodbury of Beverly, Mass., dated May 23, 1792, and duly recorded in the Cumberland registry of deeds conveying to Joseph Mann, the grandfather of the present owners, this half of Williams' island. They have been in undisputed possession all these years. Three years ago the State sold to a Massachusetts man its interest in Sister island,—the island nearest to Williams' and conveyed by Massachusetts at the same time. The purchaser went on to the island and pretended to take possession and says he will build a cottage there. To prevent anything of that kind in this case and to remove all possible doubt as to the title they ask the legislature to authorize the land agent to give them a quit claim deed of the island.

STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
March 1, 1895.

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

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*