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Sixty-Eighth Legislature.

HOUSE. No. 78.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of Lincoln Plantation No. 5, Range 2, Oxford county.

Resolved, That there be and hereby is appropriated the sum of fifteen hundred dollars from the funds in the treasury for the year 1897, to be expended under the direction of the county commissioners of Oxford county in building a bridge across the Magalloway river in Lincoln plantation on the road location as laid out by the county commissioners at the foot of Aziscohos falls, similar to the one near the Brown farm in Magalloway plantation; provided, a sum of money be raised by the plantation or otherwise, which together with the amount herein appropriated, shall be sufficient to fully complete said bridge within two years from the date of the approval of this resolve without further aid from the State.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The valuation of Lincoln plantation No. 5, R. 2, Oxford county, as returned to State assessors for the year 1896, was $32,346, and number of polls thirty (30.) The Magalloway river divides the settlement in about equal parts.

Eight families and fourteen scholars reside on the northwesterly side of said river. The school-house and hotel are on the southerly side of the river, and located in the center of the settlement. The river runs very swiftly here, and practically there is no crossing on the ice during the winter season, and in the spring months about thirty million logs are run past here, which together with the high stage of the water prevents all crossing until late in the season.

The bridge formerly standing above was carried away years ago. Last season the high water washed the embankment on the northerly side of the stream to the extent of fourteen feet, compelling the abandonment of this locality as a fording place.

It is not practical to establish a ferry; the swift current and running of logs would entirely prevent its operation.

The supplies for the seven townships above, all have to be transported across the river at this point, as well as to the hotel and camps, including the Parmacheene Club Camp, numbering fifty-five members, and the Meadows Camp that accommodates fifty or more guests, as also the mail to the post office twenty miles above. The county commissioners have located a road on each side of the river at this point. The estimated cost of said bridge is four thousand dollars. The citizens are not able and cannot build this bridge except they receive the aid asked, viz.: two thousand dollars. The approaches to the bridge will be expensive, and are not included in the above estimate of cost.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
February 11, 1897.

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

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*