

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Sixty-Eighth Legislature.

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SENATE.

No. 180.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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RESOLVE in favor of Olaf H. Nilson.

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*Resolved,* That the land agent be and hereby is empowered and directed to convey lot number seventy-  
3 seven in New Sweden, in the county of Aroostook, to Olaf  
4 H. Nilson, the holder of certificate of said lot issued pursuant to the act to promote immigration and to facilitate  
5 the settlement of the public land approved February 24,  
6 1871, waiving further settling duties.



## STATEMENT OF FACTS.

On the twenty-fourth day of February, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, an act was passed by the legislature, entitled An Act to promote immigration, and to facilitate settlement of the public lands. Under the provisions of said act the township now known as New Sweden was settled by Swedish immigrants. A survey and plan of said township was made by Albert A. Burleigh during said year, who divided the same into lots. These lots, averaging about one hundred acres, were assigned to certain Swedish settlers, to whom certificates were given entitling the holders to warranty deed, or some other valid title, at the expiration of five years from the date of the certificates, provided, the settler had established his residence on said lot and built him a comfortable house thereon, and had cleared not less than fifteen acres, ten of which should be laid down to grass, all within the said period of five years. It was supposed when said several certificates were given, that each of said lots would make a farm; in truth, however, more or less of said lots were swampy, and unsuitable for cultivation. Lot number seventy-seven was assigned to one Carl O. Lundvall, by certificate dated November twenty-seven, eighteen hundred and seventy-one. Said lot proved unsuitable to make a farm and home, and said Lundvall conveyed his interest in the lot to Oler H. Nelson, named in the foregoing resolve, by a proper instrument in writing, dated the twenty-fourth of January, eighteen hundred and eighty-four. From that time said Nelson has been in actual possession of the same. It is appurtenant to his farm; he is prevented from performing the settlers duties required by the certificate, as was Mr. Lundvall, because of the unsuitableness of the lot for a farm.

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE, March 17, 1897.

Reported by Mr. STEARNS, from Committee on State Lands and State Roads, and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary.*