

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

Sixty-Ninth Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 19.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of a Road in Jerusalem Plantation.

Resolved, That there be and hereby is appropriated the sum
2 of two hundred and fifty dollars to be expended under the
3 direction of the county commissioners of Franklin county,
4 in repairing the road from Carrabassett to the Dead River
5 road in said county.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

This road is about five miles in length and is a new road and never was fully completed. It passes wholly through "green woods" and is a very hard and expensive road to maintain and keep safe and convenient for travellers. It is a mail route and of course must be kept in good shape. It is located wholly in Jerusalem plantation, which has a great deal of road to support and makes their rate of taxation excessively high. There are many bridges in this plantation and the county has to assist in the maintenance of them, as well as to rebuild them whenever necessary. There is also another mail route in this plantation, which in addition to their maintenance and repair, have to be kept open winters, at the expense of the county exclusively; and it cost this county more than four hundred dollars to break the roads in this plantation last winter, which was more than any other plantation in the county. This plantation has a very low valuation and the owners of the property are taxed to a very high degree, which becomes a great burden upon them, in the struggle to maintain their roads, and with all this, the county has to assist to an amount which becomes a burden as well.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 3, 1899.

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

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary.*