

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Seventy-first Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 353

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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RESOLVE to aid in repairing roads in Jerusalem Plantation.

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*Resolved,* That the sum of four hundred dollars be and the  
2 same hereby is appropriated for the year nineteen hundred  
3 and three, to be expended under the direction of the county  
4 commissioners of Franklin county in repairing the roads of  
5 Jerusalem plantation in said Franklin county. But said  
6 money shall not be paid until said commissioners have pro-  
7 duced satisfactory evidence to the governor and council that  
8 they have actually expended the sum of one thousand dollars  
9 on said roads.



### STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The county of Franklin is one of the largest in the State in territory, and one of the smallest in population and wealth. We have comparatively a very large number of miles of county road to maintain and it has become a very serious burden upon the public treasury. In December, 1901, all the principal bridges and even most of the culverts in this township were swept away by flood as well as very great damage was done to the ways in general, and this entailed a very great expense on the county to rebuild these bridges as well as to make the extraordinary and absolutely necessary repairs. There are an unusual large number of miles of way in this township and although the land owners therein are taxed to as high an amount as we feel justified in exacting, it is still insufficient to meet the demands of even the ordinary repairs, and it therefore becomes a very onerous burden upon the public treasury of our county, especially the past year where the damages have been so great. We earnestly feel that this is a case where the State should very generously come to our aid.

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUSTA, March 13, 1903.

Reported by Mr. DUDLEY of Augusta, from Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*