

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 266

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*House of Representatives, Feb. 13, 1917.*

*Referred to Committee on Ways and Bridges and five hundred copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.*

*W. R. ROIX, Clerk.*

*Presented by Mr. Clifford of Reed Plantation.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED AND SEVENTEEN

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RESOLVE in favor of repairing and rebuilding a part of the  
Military Road so-called in Reed Plantation in Aroostook  
County.

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*Resolved,* That there be and hereby is appropriated the  
2 sum of six thousand dollars for the year nineteen hundred  
3 seventeen, and six thousand dollars for the year nineteen  
4 hundred eighteen, for the purpose of repairing and rebuild-  
5 ing, the military road in the Plantation of Reed, in Aroos-  
6 took County, the same to be expended under the supervision  
7 of the Municipal Officers of Reed Plantation.



## STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The military road, so called, was constructed by the Federal Government in 1830 to 1834, from Lincoln to Houlton and was planned and built for a toll road.

To encourage the settlement of Aroostook County, the State in 1834 by a resolve took over the road and made it a free highway. At that time the State of Maine entered into an agreement with the United States to take the road and keep it in repair. See Resolve of 1834, Chap. 49. From that time until 1870, when the European and North American railroad was built the road was a great highway and the main outlet of Northern Maine to Bangor. From 1870 until 1907 the road from Mattawamkeag to Haynesville, 29 miles, was used less and less, and was allowed to get out of repair in many places.

From 1907 until the present time the road has been an automobile thoroughfare from Bangor to Aroostook, and the great increase of automobile travel has worn it out in many places so that some of it is almost impassable. Spasmodic efforts at repairing it have been made at both ends, but the five and one half miles in Reed Plantation must be practically rebuilt. The increased traffic demands it and the Plantation of Reed is not financially able to bear the expense of same. Also the road runs through a forest and is not used much by the citizens of the Plantation, but by the through traffic to Aroostook County. The state owns this road and are duty board to keep it in repair.