

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

NO. 51

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In Senate, Feb. 5, 1919.

Came from the House referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges and on motion by Senator Tuttle of Aroostook laid on the table for printing pending reference in concurrence and 500 copies ordered printed.

P. F. CRANE, Secretary.

Presented by Mr. Clifford of Reed Pl.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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RESOLVE, in Favor of Glenwood Plantation.

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Resolved, That there be and hereby is appropriated the  
2 sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to repair the military  
3 road beginning at the north line of Reed Plantation and  
4 extending in a northeasterly direction to the Haynesville  
5 line a distance of about five miles; provided that there be  
6 appropriated by the county of Aroostook one thousand dol-  
7 lars (\$1,000) for the same purpose and the county com-  
8 missioners of Aroostook county are hereby authorized to  
9 raise said sum.



## STATEMENT OF FACTS.

This plantation is very small and very poor. This road accommodates the through automobile traffic and is in very bad condition and we must have assistance to keep the road passable. The Military road, so-called, was constructed by the Federal Government in 1830 to 1834 from Lincoln to Houlton and was called the Mars Hill road, and was planned to be used as a toll road to encourage the settlement of Aroostook county. The State of Maine 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 repairs. See Resolves of 1834, chapter 49, and the state appropriated money to keep it in repair for several years until 1870. Until the European-North American Railroad was built this was a great highway and the main outlet from Northern Maine to Bangor. Since that time the road has been neglected and it being the direct automobile thoroughfare from Bangor to Aroostook the great traffic has worn it out, for in many places it is almost impassable. The increased traffic demands it, 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 agreement between the State of Maine and the United States made in 1834 remains unchanged. The state owns this road and is duty bound to keep it in repair.