

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 63

House of Representatives, February 8, 1921.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Bridges and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Heal of Weston.

STATE OF MAINE

**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-ONE**

RESOLVE, in Favor of Repairing a Part of the Military Road,
So-called, in Reed Plantation in Aroostook County.

Resolved: That there be, and hereby is, appropriated
2 the sum of three thousand dollars for the year nineteen hun-
3 dred and twenty-two and three thousand dollars for the year
4 nineteen hundred and twenty-three for the purpose of re-
5 pairing the Military Road, in the Plantation of Reed, in
6 Aroostook County.



STATEMENT OF FACTS

The Military Road so-called was constructed by the federal government in eighteen hundred thirty to eighteen hundred thirty-four from the town of Lincoln in Penobscot county to the town of Houlton in Aroostook county and was built for a toll road.

To encourage the settlement of Aroostook county, the state in eighteen hundred thirty-four, by 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 eighteen hundred thirty-four, chapter forty-nine.

This road runs through a forest, much of the way, and is not used by the citizens of the plantation but by the through traffic to Aroostook county.

This is the direct line between Houlton and Bangor. The rapidly increasing traffic demands it and the Plantation of Reed is not financially able to bear the expense of the up-keep of this road.

The trunk line, or designated as such, via Island Falls, which is and will be under construction for several years, puts a large part of the traffic through this road. The state owns this road and are in duty bound to keep it in repair.