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EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

House Document

No. 432

H. P. 1275 House of Representatives, Feb. 21, 1929.

Referred to Committee on Indian Affairs and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Robie of Westbrook.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Place the Administration of the Affairs of the Indian Tribes Under the Department of Forestry.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Section 1. The forest commissioner shall have general

- 2 supervision over the Indian tribes and shall keep in his
- 3 office all records pertaining to the tribes except such mat-
- 4 ters as pertain to the filing and auditing of accounts, which
- 5 shall be kept in the office of the state auditor.
- Sect. 2. Section forty-four of chapter fourteen of the
- 2 revised statutes, as amended by chapter one hundred forty-
- 3 four, public laws of nineteen hundred nineteen, is hereby
- 4 amended to read as follows:

'The forest commissioner may sell to the best advantage, 2 at public or private sale, to a citizen of the state, the tim-3 ber and grass from township numbered two on the St. 4 Croix river, usually called the Indian township, to the 5 amount of one thousand dollars annually, and may in any 6 year sell such larger amount as the governor, with the ad-7 vice and consent of his council, shall approve; expressly 8 retaining in the written contract of sale a lien on the tim-9 ber and grass cut, until the amount due for stumpage there-10 on is paid. Every surveyor appointed by said commissioner to scale or survey the lumber so sold, before enter-12 ing on his duties, shall be sworn to the faithful performance 13 of his trust, and shall file a certificate of his oath with the 14 agent.'