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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-ONE

**AN ACT to Provide for the Surrender by Silver Ridge Plantation of Its
Organization.**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the tax rate of Silver Ridge Plantation, Aroostook county, is 100 mills on each dollar of valuation, and

Whereas, the plantation owes about 10% of its valuation, and

Whereas, the population is constantly diminishing and the valuation of property on a decline, and

Whereas, the taxpayers are no longer able to contribute near confiscatory sums, and

Whereas, immediate steps should be taken to take care of the present financial emergency, and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature these facts create an emergency within the meaning of Article XXXI of the constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. Organization of Silver Ridge Plantation may be surrendered.
The organization of Silver Ridge Plantation in the county of Aroostook as

heretofore adopted is hereby surrendered ; provided, however, that the corporate existence, powers, duties and liabilities of said plantation shall survive for the purpose of prosecuting and defending all pending suits and causes of suits to which said plantation is, or may be, a party and all needful process growing out of the same, including provisions for the payment of all or any judgments or debts which may be rendered against such plantation or exist in favor of any creditor.

Sec. 2. School fund and unexpended funds. The school fund deposited to the credit of said plantation and all funds unexpended for school purposes at the time when this act becomes effective out of amounts raised by said plantation for school purposes or out of amounts paid by the state for school purposes shall be paid by the treasurer of said plantation or such other person in whose custody such funds may be, to the treasurer of state. Such amounts, so received, shall be added to the unorganized township funds as provided in section 23 of chapter 11 of the revised statutes.

Sec. 3. Ratification. This act shall take effect on approval by the governor for the purpose of permitting its acceptance or rejection by the legal voters of Silver Ridge Plantation at any annual or special plantation meeting legally called to consider the acceptance of this act; an appropriate article being inserted in the call for said meeting.

If a majority of the qualified voters of the plantation, present and voting, vote in favor of the acceptance of this act, it shall become operative on April 1, 1941. A certificate of such vote shall be filed by the plantation clerk with the secretary of state.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.