

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

A. D. 1847.

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RESOLVES

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

1847.

Chapter 5.

CHAP. 5.

Resolve in favor of Ivory Hardison.

Resolved, That the land agent is hereby authorized to convey by deed to Ivory Hardison, four lots of settling land in township letter H in the second range of townships west from the east line of the state, as surveyed by Henry W. Cunningham, in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-nine; *provided,* the said Hardison shall within one year from the passage of this resolve erect and put in operation in said township a good saw mill, and perform the labor in making roads and the settling duties required by law.

In favor of Ivory Hardison.

[Approved June 12, 1847.]

Chapter 6.

Resolve for the repair of the Eastern Aroostook road.

Resolved, That the land agent is hereby authorized to expend the sum of five hundred dollars, in repairing and improving the road from the north line of letter H in the second range of townships west from the east line of the state, to the Saint John river; *provided,* that the commonwealth of Massachusetts shall expend an equal amount on said road.

Repair of Eastern Aroostook road.

[Approved June 14, 1847.]

Chapter 7.

Resolves relating to the construction of a rail road from Lake Michigan to the Pacific coast.

Resolved, That a rail road from Lake Michigan to the Pacific coast, is highly desirable, and if practicable, should be constructed. Such a work would open a vast and unbroken wilderness for improvement and cultivation—would unite and bind together the people of the Atlantic and Pacific slopes, by connecting their interests and associations—would extend our commerce, advance the welfare of our manufactures, and elevate the dignity of man.

Rail road from Lake Michigan to the Pacific.

Resolved, That in our opinion, the best if not the only plan by which so stupendous a work can be accomplished, is to appropriate and set apart the public lands along the line of the same, and to pledge the proceeds of sale, to that object, thus making the sale and settlement of these lands, subservient to this great enterprize.

Plan for accomplishing said object.

CHAP. 8.

Approval of A. Whitney's plan.

Senators and representatives requested to promote said object, &c.

Resolved, That this plan of Asa Whitney, esquire, of New York, as explained by himself, meets our cordial approval, and we concur in recommending it.

Resolved, That our senators and representatives in congress be requested, by their votes and acts to promote said object, by granting the right and power to Asa Whitney, esquire, to construct said road, if practicable, and to pledge the public lands along the line of said work, to erect the same in such manner as will promote and secure the rights and interests of the whole union, and best serve to accomplish the desired results.

Resolved, That the governor cause copies of these resolutions to be furnished to the governors of each of the states respectively, and also to each of our senators and representatives in congress.

[Approved June 14, 1847.]

Chapter 8.

In favor of Passamaquoddy Indians, &c.

Resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians.

Resolved, That the agent for the Passamaquoddy Indians, be authorized to expend a sum not exceeding three hundred dollars, out of the moneys in his hands, collected, or to be collected from trespassers on Indian township; said sum to be distributed in such portions to the distressed poor of the tribe as his or her circumstances may seem in the judgment of the agent to demand. And the agent shall keep an account of moneys so paid out, and present the same duly certified, to the governor and council, in the month of January, annually, for examination and allowance.

[Approved June 22, 1847.]

Chapter 9.

Resolve providing for the repairing of Baring and Houlton road.

Baring and Houlton road, \$300.

Resolved, That for the purpose of repairing the Baring and Houlton road through township number eleven, in the first range of townships west from the east line of the state, in the county of Aroostook, there is hereby appropriated the sum of three hundred dollars to be expended under the direction of the land agent.

[Approved June 24, 1847.]