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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

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RESOLVES

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

1847.

Chapter 22.

CHAP. 22.

Resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians.

Resolved, That the agent of the Passamaquoddy Indians, be directed to expend the sum of fifty dollars for the repair of the Indian chapel at Pleasant point, said sum to be paid out of the funds in the hands of the agent, which have arisen, or may arise, from stumpage collected, or to be collected from trespassers on Indian township, and the governor and council are authorized to settle the account of such expenditure with the agent.

In favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians.

[Approved July 12, 1847.]

Chapter 23.

Resolve in favor of the town of Cherryfield.

Resolved, That there be paid out of the treasury of the state to the town of Cherryfield the sum of one hundred twenty-four dollars and seventeen cents, for the support of John Blackburn, while in the insane hospital, a state pauper in the years eighteen hundred and forty-five and eighteen hundred and forty-six.

In favor of town of Cherryfield.

[Approved July 13, 1847.]

Chapter 24.

Resolve in favor of Sabine P. Jordan.

Resolved, That there be paid out of the treasury of the state, to Sabine P. Jordan of Cherryfield, the sum of thirty-one dollars and fifty cents for conveying John Blackburn from Cherryfield to the insane hospital, in eighteen hundred and forty-five.

In favor of Sabine P. Jordan.

[Approved July 13, 1847.]

Chapter 25.

Resolve on the petition of Elizabeth Joy, John B. Joy, Ellen M. Joy, Daniel Austin, Hannah Austin, John F. Loring, Henry Andrews, James W. Paige and Amos Cotting.

Resolved, For the reasons in said petition set forth, that all sales and conveyances of the real estate situate in this state of which the

Sales and conveyances of certain real estate.

CHAP. 25.

by the petition-
ers, ratified.

Titles held under
such conveyan-
ces, made valid
and effectual.

William Sohier,
esq., authorized
to execute and
deliver confirma-
tory deeds of the
same.

—to make parti-
tion of, and to
sell and convey
certain real es-
tate in this state.

Proceeds of sale,
how divided, &c.

late Benjamin Joy of Boston in the county of Suffolk and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, gentleman, died seized, heretofore made by said petitioners or any of them, in pursuance of, or to fulfill any contracts, bonds or other instruments made or entered into by said Benjamin during his life time, and all sales and conveyances heretofore made by said petitioners or any of them of any of said real estate, to purchasers for valuable considerations, be and they hereby are ratified, confirmed and established as fully and effectually to all intents and purposes, as if the said Benjamin Joy being then alive, had executed the same, and all and singular the titles now held under such conveyances, or any of them, be and they are hereby made and declared to be valid and effectual to all intents and purposes, to pass the several estates intended to have been granted or conveyed by said conveyances respectively; and that William Sohier of Boston, aforesaid, esquire, be, and he hereby is authorized and empowered to make, execute and deliver to any and all persons holding titles under such conveyances, respectively, confirmatory deeds of the several estates so held by them under said conveyances, and to convey, confirm and assure to them, their respective heirs and assigns, the several estates intended to have been granted or conveyed by said conveyances respectively; and that said Sohier be and he hereby is authorized and empowered to make partition of, and also to sell and convey at his discretion at such times, for such considerations and in such way and manner as he shall judge best, the whole or any parts or parcels of the real estate in this state of which the said Benjamin died seized and not included in any of the contracts, bonds or other instruments for the conveyance of the same made by the said Benjamin in his life time, and now undischarged or unsatisfied, or in any of the conveyances aforementioned, and to make, execute and deliver to the several petitioners and their respective heirs and successors in office any and all instruments which may be necessary or proper for the purpose of making partition as aforesaid; and to make, execute and deliver to any and all persons so purchasing said remainder of said estate or any part thereof, good and sufficient conveyances of any and all parcels of land so sold, to hold the same to them and their respective heirs, successors and assigns in fee simple or for any less estate; and that the purchasers under such conveyances are to be in no event bound to see to the application of the purchase money, and that said Sohier be, and he hereby is authorized and empowered to divide and distribute the proceeds of such sales between and among the petitioners and their respective heirs and successors in office in the same proportions in which they would have been entitled to said real estate. And that the shares of said real estate, or the proceeds

thereof, which shall be received from said Sohier under this resolve, by the trustees who are or may be acting hereafter under the respective wills of the said Benjamin Joy and Hannah Joy, and by the trustees, who are or may hereafter be acting under the respective marriage settlements of the said John B. and Ellen M. Joy and of said Daniel and Hannah Austin, shall be held by said trustees respectively upon the trusts and to and for the uses, intents and purposes in and by said wills and settlements respectively declared, concerning the respective trust funds created, or intended to have been created by said wills and settlements respectively.

[Approved July 19, 1847.]

STATE OF MAINE.

The joint standing committee on state lands and state roads having had under consideration that part of the report of the land agent relating to "the lumbering operations on the St. John and Aroostook rivers, for the year eighteen hundred and forty-six, having examined the books, accounts and papers in the land office, touching these matters, having heard the statements and explanations of the land agents of Maine and Massachusetts, and having received the testimony of several of the persons who were concerned in these operations, and of others who had personal knowledge of some of the facts in relation to this business, ask leave to

REPORT:

That prior to the year eighteen hundred and forty-three, the price of stumpage, for ton timber cut upon those waters, had not exceeded one dollar per ton; but in that year it had advanced to about one dollar and twenty-five cents per ton. Early in the season of eighteen hundred and forty-four, numerous applications were made to the land agents of Maine and Massachusetts, to cut timber on the public lands on those rivers, and as the permits heretofore granted, had been at private sale, and in order to give an opportunity to all, to purchase the right to cut timber, and that both states might realize the most money from the operations, the land agents concluded to dispose of the stumpage at an auction sale, at a minimum price of one dollar and twenty-five cents per ton, the purchaser to have the right to cut fifteen hundred tons under his permit.

Accordingly, on the fourteenth of August, an auction was held at the land office, in Bangor. About four thousand dollars was paid by the purchasers as a bonus over and above the minimum price of one dollar