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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

EXTRA SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 1853,

AND THE

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

1854.

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CHAP. 132.

to the governor and council, showing in each case what is the nature of the claim, whether by grant or purchase or by possession and improvement, also the dates of the commencement of the claim; and for the purpose of carrying out the views indicated in this report, the committee present the accompanying resolves, and recommend that they be adopted.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. B. HILL, *Chairman.*

March 8, 1854.

Chapter 132.

Resolve in relation to the claims of the state upon the United States for lands taken and required to be taken to satisfy claimants under the treaty of Washington.

Claims under the treaty of Washington, senators and representatives in congress requested to aid in settlement of.

Resolved, That our senators and representatives in congress be requested to take such measures as to them shall seem best to bring before the president and congress the subject of the claims of the State of Maine to indemnity for lands taken and required to be taken to satisfy and fulfill the stipulations, on the part of the United States, of the treaty of Washington, and to have the same put into a train for a speedy settlement.

[Approved April 12, 1854.]

Chapter 133.

Resolve authorizing the appointment of commissioners to locate grants and determine the extent of possessory claims under the late treaty with Great Britain.

Commissioners to examine and settle claims under the treaty of Washington, appointment and duties of.

Resolved, That the governor, by and with advice of council, be and he hereby is authorized to appoint one or more commissioners, whose duty it shall be to examine all claims under the treaty of Washington to lands lying in this state, which were not finally examined and adjudicated upon by the commissioners appointed under resolves of Maine, approved February twenty-first, eighteen hundred forty-three, and of Massachusetts, approved March twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred forty-three, and

Grants to be set off by metes and bounds.

First, To set off by metes and bounds all grants under said treaty not heretofore located by said former commissioners.

Claims of settlers, how adjusted.

Second, To set off to each settler upon lands of this state entitled to land under the treaty, by reason of possession and improvement, so much land as he shall be entitled to, not exceeding two hundred acres, unless his actual improvements

are such that it is necessary to set off a larger quantity in order to include them. CHAP. 133.

Third, To examine and report upon our claims under said treaty, of persons to lands which, prior to the treaty, they had purchased or contracted for, with either of the states of Maine or Massachusetts, and to set forth what said claimants, if any, have already received compensation for their claims of the State of Maine.

Claims to lands purchased prior to said treaty.

Fourth, To examine and report upon all claims of parties who claim to be equitably entitled to land under said treaty, by reason of possession and improvement, but where possession had not been commenced six years before the treaty.

—possession of which had not commenced six years before said treaty.

Fifth, To examine all claims under the treaty by reason of possession and improvement of lands lying within the township granted to the town of Plymouth, and the tract granted to General Eaton, and to report the names of parties holding such possessions at the time of the treaty, and of the present claimant, if any change has been made, and the number of acres claimed by each; what would be a fair price for the land in each claim if in a state of nature, and what the present value of each improvement above the price of the lands, and on what terms the title to such lands can be procured from the present owner of the fee. The said commissioners shall make report of all their doings to the governor and council, who are authorized to audit their accounts and allow them such compensation for their services as to them shall seem reasonable and proper; and the land agent is hereby authorized to pay said commissioners the sum so allowed. And said commissioners shall return to the land office full field notes and correct plans of all the surveys made by them or under their direction. The name of the occupant of each lot claimed by possession shall be given in the field notes of the survey of the lot; and if the occupant be not the owner, the evidence by which the commissioners determined the ownership shall be entered with the field notes, and the name of each owner shall be legibly written on the plan of the lot set off to him.

—in town of Plymouth and tract granted to General Eaton.

Report of commissioners, compensation for services, &c.

Field notes, &c., to be returned to land office.

Names of occupants of lots claimed, to be given.

Resolved, That when such report shall be made, the governor be requested to communicate a copy thereof to the president of the United States, and to inform him that the state is ready to direct deeds to be made to convey the title to the claimants so far as the title is in the state, and is also ready to procure a title to be made to the claimants where claims are reported by the commissioners to be located on lands the title to which

Report of commissioners to be forwarded to the president of the U. S., &c.

CHAP. 134. is in grantees holding under the states of Maine or Massachusetts, if the same can be procured on reasonable terms; and if not, to give to such claimants an equivalent in the title to other lands in exchange for their claims, whenever congress shall be ready to make to the state a suitable indemnity and recompense for the land so required to be taken, and for that already taken to satisfy the requirements of the treaty.

[Approved April 12, 1854.]

Chapter 134.

Resolve in relation to schools in the Madawaska settlement.

Schools in
Madawaska
settlement, for
benefit of.

Proviso.

Resolved, That the sum of six hundred dollars be appropriated for the benefit of schools in Madawaska settlement, to be apportioned in the following manner, namely: two hundred and twenty-five dollars to Van Buren plantation, two hundred and twenty-five dollars to Madawaska plantation, and one hundred and fifty dollars to Hancock plantation: *provided*, that each of said plantations shall raise for the support of schools within its limits a sum equal to the amount hereby apportioned to said plantation. And whenever the assessors of either of said plantations shall certify, under oath, to the treasurer of state that the sum herein required to be raised by said plantation has been so raised and assessed, the said treasurer is authorized to pay to said assessors the amount above apportioned to said plantation to be expended by said assessors for the support of schools in said plantation.

[Approved April 12, 1854.]

Chapter 135.

Resolve in favor of certain persons of the legislature who visited the state prison.

Committee of
visitation to
state prison, for
payment of.

Resolved, That there be paid out of the treasury of the state the sum of nine dollars to each of the following named persons: W. H. Vinton, George A. Starr, N. A. Burpee, Glendy Moody, Seth O'Brien, members of the legislature, appointed to visit the state prison by an order passed March eighth, eighteen hundred and fifty-four.

[Approved April 15, 1854.]