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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

THIRTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

1858.

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**Chapter 136.****CHAP. 136.**

Resolve in favor of the committee on the state reform school.

*Resolved*, That there be paid out of the treasury of state the sum of twelve dollars, to each of the following persons, to wit: Samuel W. Jones, Aaron J. West, Henry McGilvery, Ezra B. French, S. Brackett, R. R. Drummond, C. A. Kimball, E. F. Blaisdell, A. Burbank and J. Porter, members of said committee, who by order of the legislature, have visited the state reform school; said sum being in full for the traveling and other expenses of said persons in discharging said duty.

Committee on reform school, in favor of.

[Approved March 5, 1858.]

**Chapter 137.**

Resolve in relation to the settlement of the public lands.

*Whereas*, Representations have been made to the present legislature by Henry Silberman, a native of Germany, that there is a large and steady emigration yearly from the nothern part of Germany to the United States, and that this emigration is almost entirely directed to the western states, through the ports of Boston, New York and Philadelphia, and that by judicious measures, some portion of the emigration might be directed to Maine; and *whereas*, it is manifestly for the best interest of the state to have its vacant lands made productive by converting the same into farms, and that some effort should be made to invite emigration into the fertile valley of the Aroostook, therefore

*Resolved*, That under the direction of the governor and council, the land agent is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with any German or Germans who may emigrate from Germany with the design of making a settlement upon the public settling lands, for the conveyance of a tract of such land, not exceeding one township, upon the following terms and conditions:

Public lands, in relation to settlement of.

The contract shall provide for the settlement of at least one hundred families upon the whole township, fifty families upon a half township, or twenty-five families upon a quarter township, as the case may be, within the term of five years after making said contract; and the contract shall further provide that the following settling duties shall be performed by the party or parties contracting, viz: the said party or parties so contracting shall within two years from the

—terms of settlement.

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date of said contract, establish his or their residence upon each lot of not exceeding two hundred acres, to be surveyed out of said tract or township by the land agent, and shall within four years from such date, clear on each lot not less than ten acres, six of which shall be well laid down to grass, and build a comfortable dwelling house thereon; or if such party or parties so contracting shall elect, he or they may perform an amount of settling duties on any part of said tract or township; *provided* such improvements shall be equal to the improvements required as above upon each lot.

Payments, how made.

And the party or parties so contracting shall be required to pay in cash for such tract or township at the rate of twenty-five cents per acre, one-half of which payment shall be made in advance, or at the time of making such contract, and the other half at the expiration of five years from the date of such contract. And the land agent shall be authorized to execute, in behalf of the state, a deed to the party or parties so contracting, with conditions therein for securing the performance of the settling duties, and the cash payment, as herein provided.

Land agent authorized to deed, &c.

This resolve shall take effect, and be in force, from and after its approval by the governor.

[Approved March 5, 1858.]

### Chapter 138.

Resolve in favor of John Parent.

John Parent, in favor of.

Proviso.

*Resolved*, That the land agent be and hereby is authorized to convey to John Parent of letter G, range one, in the county of Aroostook, two hundred acres of land in said township G; *provided*, the said Parent shall within three years from the passage of this resolve, erect a good saw mill or grist mill on the Dube brook, so called, in said township; said land to be located in the vicinity of said mill, and upon said brook, so as to accommodate the said Parent, and not to the detriment of other settlers upon said township, or in any way to interfere with the improvements of other parties, and it is hereby provided that no conveyance of the land aforesaid shall be granted until the said mill shall be completed to the acceptance of the land agent.

[Approved March 9, 1858.]