

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1864.

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requested and instructed to use their utmost efforts to secure a recognition of the claims of Maine and the application of the proceeds thereof to the uses and purposes above set forth.

CHAP. 364.

Approved March 25, 1864.

Chapter 364.

Resolve in favor of Eliakim Wescott.

Resolved, That there be paid to Eliakim Wescott from the treasury of the state, the sum of thirty dollars for expenses incurred during his sickness while in attendance as a member of the present legislature.

Eliakim
Wescott, in
favor of.

Approved March 25, 1864.

Chapter 365.

Resolves inviting the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to co-operate with Maine in extending aid to a military road from Bangor to the St. John river.

WHEREAS, by the act of separation of Maine from Massachusetts, approved June nineteenth, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and nineteen, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts retained one half of all the public lands lying within the then District of Maine, which had merely a nominal value, at the time Maine became an independent state, which lands from the care, oversight and guardianship of the same by the State of Maine, became of great value, from the proceeds of the sales of which, to individual purchasers large sums of money accrued to the treasury of Massachusetts, before the sale of her interests therein to the State of Maine; and

Preamble.

WHEREAS, the State of Maine did on the fifth day of October, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty three, purchase all the remaining rights of the State of Massachusetts in and to the lands to her belonging, lying in the State of Maine, for the sum of one hundred and twelve thousand five hundred dollars in money and two hundred and fifty thousand dollars in five per cent. bonds of the State of Maine; and

WHEREAS, the people of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, especially those of the eastern part of said state, and of the city of Boston, have a great, if not an equal interest with the people of Maine in the settlement of the northern, eastern and northeastern sections of Maine, and in the growth and prosperity of this state,

CHAP. 366. and will be directly benefitted by the extension of railways to the northeastern frontier and to the lower British Provinces; and

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Maine are desirous of securing a military railroad from the city of Bangor to the northeastern boundary, and of obtaining aid from congress toward the accomplishment of said undertaking, and the State of Maine proposes to grant all the aid in its power to the parties who shall carry out said work, and assign to the European and North American Railway Company all its claims on the United States government which accrued prior to the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and sixty; and

WHEREAS, these claims are of little or no value in the present aspect of public affairs, but may be made useful as an inducement to aid a work of military necessity; and

WHEREAS, the military necessities of the country now call for a railroad from Bangor to the St. John river, and the general government, through the officer in charge of the military department of the east, has expressed an earnest opinion in favor of this measure; therefore,

Massachusetts invited to co-operate with Maine in aid of railway.

Resolved, That the Commonwealth of Massachusetts be respectfully invited to co-operate with Maine in its efforts to construct said railroad, and for this purpose to assign and transfer the claims jointly held by her with Maine on the government of the United States, to aid the construction of the European and North American Railway from the city of Bangor to the St. John river and to the boundary of New Brunswick; and also the unpaid balance of the bonds or certificates of indebtedness given by the State of Maine, as the consideration of the purchase of said lands, dated October fifth, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, now amounting to two hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars and interest.

Commissioners may be appointed.

Resolved, That the governor be authorized and requested to appoint three commissioners for this state to present this application to the authorities of Massachusetts.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions be transmitted by his excellency the governor of Maine to the governor of the commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Approved March 25, 1864.

Chapter 366.

Resolve to enable the state to meet any further call for troops.

Loan authorized.

Resolved, That in view of the possibility of another call for troops by the president of the United States, and to provide for