

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

FIFTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1877.

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1877.

PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE.

1877.

Chapter 320.

An act to amend chapter six hundred and forty-nine of the private and special acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-one, entitled "an act for the relinquishment to the United States, in certain cases, of title to lands for sites of Light Stations on the coast and waters of the State of Maine."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

SECT. 1. The first section of the act approved February eighteen, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, entitled "an act for the relinquishment to the United States, in certain cases, of title to lands for sites of light stations on the coast and waters of the state, is hereby amended so as to read as follows :

Sec. 1, act of 1871, amended.

‘SECT. 1. That whenever it shall be made to appear to any justice of the supreme judicial court, upon the application of any authorized agent of the United States, that the said United States are desirous of purchasing any tract of land and the right of way thereto, within the limits of this state, for the erection of a light house, beacon light, range light or light keeper’s dwelling, or for the erection of forts, batteries or other public buildings, and that the owner or owners are minors or insane persons, or from any cause incapable of making perfect title to said lands, or unknown or non-residents, or shall, from disagreement in price or any other cause whatever, refuse to convey said lands to the United

Proceedings for the relinquishment to the United States of the title to land for the erection of light houses, forts, &c., when the title cannot be otherwise obtained.

CHAP. 321 States, it shall be the duty of said justice to order notice of the said application to be published in some newspaper in the county where said lands lie, if any paper is published in said county, otherwise in a paper in this state nearest to where said lands lie, once in each week, for the space of three months, which notice shall contain an accurate description of of the said lands, together with the names of the supposed owners, and shall require all persons interested in the said lands to come forward on a day to be specified in said notice, and file their objections, if any they should have to the proposed purchase; and at the time specified in said notice it shall be the duty of a justice of said court to empanel a jury, in the manner provided by law for empanneling juries for the trial of civil actions, to assess the value of said lands at their fair market value, and all damages sustained by the owner of the lands to be so appropriated by reason of such appropriation, which amount when so assessed, together with the entire costs of said proceedings, shall be paid into the county treasury of said county in which said proceedings are had, and thereupon the sheriff of the said county, upon the production of the certificate of the treasurer of said county that the said amount has been paid, shall execute to the United States, and deliver to their authorized agent a deed of the said lands, reciting the proceedings in said cause, which, said deed, shall convey to the said United States a good and absolute title to the said lands against all persons whatsoever.'

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved January 12, 1877.

Chapter 321.

An act to authorize contract between Bucksport and Bangor Railroad Company and Trustees of European and North American Railway Company.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

SECT. 1. Whereas, the European and North American Railway Company, by mortgage dated March one, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, conveyed its railroad and property to trustees, to secure bonds issued by that company, and the trustees have taken possession of the railroad and property,

Contract between
Bucksport and
Bangor Railroad
Company and
the trustees of
the E. & N. A.
Railway Co.