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**ACTS AND RESOLVES**  
AS PASSED BY THE  
**Ninety-second and Ninety-third**  
**Legislatures**  
OF THE  
**STATE OF MAINE**

**From April 22, 1945 to May 14, 1947**  
**AND MISCELLANEOUS STATE PAPERS**  
**From May 25, 1945 to May 14, 1947**

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STATE PAPERS RELATING

to

Gifts of Ex-Governor Baxter

to

The State of Maine

(from May 1, 1945 to May 12, 1947)

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COMMUNICATION

STATE OF MAINE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
Augusta

January 8, 1947

The Honorable President of the Senate  
The Honorable Speaker of the House  
Ninety-third Legislature

Dear Sirs:

I deem it a pleasure to transmit herewith a letter from the Honorable Percival P. Baxter of Portland in which he offers an additional 10,740 acres of land in the Katahdin Baxter State Park area for public purposes.

This generous gift, if accepted by the 93rd Legislature, would increase the area of the Baxter State Park, which includes Mount Katahdin, to 127,028 acres.

Mr. Baxter's offer commands the deepest appreciation of every citizen of Maine, for he is making available to us and our children and the thousands of tourists who visit Maine each year one of the most magnificent natural recreational areas in the United States.

I solicit your most serious consideration and urge the acceptance of this gift, under the same terms and conditions as the previous ones, as being in the public interest.

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE HILDRETH,  
Governor.

(S. P. 23)

In Senate Chamber  
Jan. 8, 1947  
Rec'd and Placed on File  
Sent Down for Concurrence  
CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Sec.

House of Representatives  
Jan. 8, 1947  
Read and Placed on File  
In Concurrence  
HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

## COMMUNICATION

To the Honorable Horace A. Hildreth, Governor  
and the Honorable Senate and House of  
Representatives of the Ninety-third Legislature—

Beginning in 1931 I have come to several Maine Legislatures offering gifts of land to the State of Maine in Trust, and I now come to you to offer another gift, this one of ten thousand seven hundred forty (10,740) acres, the same to be added to BAXTER STATE PARK in the MOUNT KATAHDIN region.

Up to the present time I have donated to the State one hundred sixteen thousand two hundred eighty-eight (116,288) acres and the additional acreage which I now bring to you will increase the total area of the Park to one hundred twenty-seven thousand twenty-eight (127,028) acres, or approximately five and one-half (5½) Maine Wild Land townships.

In order that there may be a complete and accurate record of my Gifts to the State over the years, I am including in the Act of Acceptance a list of the Gifts in detail so that in the years to come this will be available to those who may be interested to have the record spread before them. Those of the members of this Ninety-third Legislature who have served in previous Legislatures, no doubt are familiar with the procedure adopted in connection with these Gifts.

The land that is now being donated to the State is my most recent purchase. When you accept this Gift I then shall have donated to the State all the land in the Katahdin area that I have acquired since I began my project in 1917. This one hundred twenty-seven thousand twenty-eight (127,028) acres is a continuous unbroken area except for the fact that in the south-western corner there is still outstanding an undivided ownership of six thousand seventeen (6,017) acres which I have not yet acquired and which is not included in the total of one hundred twenty-seven thousand twenty-eight (127,028) acres.

I am still interested to enlarge the area of the Park and shall do so from time to time as additional purchases are made.

The conditions placed in the Act of Acceptance are the same as those in former Deeds of Gift. It now is just thirty (30) years since in 1917 I

first conceived the project of donating to the State of Maine a large area of land for Public Park and Recreational purposes. I shall be pleased if you will accept this Gift in the spirit in which it is offered.

Respectfully,

PERCIVAL P. BAXTER.

Portland, Maine  
January 8, 1947.

(S. P. 24)

In Senate Chamber	House of Representatives
January 8, 1947	January 8, 1947
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CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Sec.	HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

January 8, 1947

#### ORDER

ORDERED, the House concurring, that in order that the records of the Gift by Percival Proctor Baxter to the State of Maine as Trustee in Trust of ten thousand seven hundred forty (10,740) acres in township four (4) range ten (10), W. E. L. S. Piscataquis County (BAXTER STATE PARK) be complete and in enduring form, the communication dated January eighth, 1947, addressed by said Baxter to the Honorable HORACE A. HILDRETH, Governor, and to the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Ninety-third Legislature, together with the message of Governor HORACE A. HILDRETH transmitting the said communication to this Legislature, be printed in the Laws of Maine for 1947.

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In Senate Chamber	House of Representatives
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