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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

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OF THE

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to
The State of Maine

COMMUNICATION

Portland, Maine
January 3, 1963

To —

Honorable John H. Reed, Governor
and the
Honorable Senators and Representatives
of the 101st Legislature of the State of Maine.

Without doubt you are familiar with what has been done in the creation of Baxter State Park in the Katahdin region.

Beginning with my communication of March 3, 1931 addressed to Honorable William T. Gardiner, Governor, the State has accepted from me by **Legislative Acts** gifts totaling 193,254 acres of forest land, forever to be held in TRUST for Public Park, Public Recreational and for Public Forestry purposes the same forever to be kept in its Natural Wild State.

These areas from year to year have been conveyed by me to the State and have been accepted in legal form by the several Governors and Legislatures in office during the period from 1931 to 1961.

A recent gift of 7,764 acres, the Legislature not being in Session, has been accepted by the Governor and Executive Council acting under the provisions of the Statutes. I now request you to confirm the acceptance of this latest gift of 7,764 acres of August 6, 1962 so that all my gifts of forest land to the people of Maine will have been accepted by the duly elected Governors and Legislatures of our State over this 31-year period. The acceptance of this gift will add to this Park 7,764 acres of forest land and will complete the record of my 31 years' (1931 - 1962) gifts of 201,018 acres made to and accepted by the people of the State of Maine.

In order to complete the record, I request that this communication of January 3, 1963, together with the accompanying Act and Deed, be published in the Laws of Maine 1963.

It is interesting to note that in my formal letter to Governor Gardiner in 1931, when my first gift was about 6,000 acres, I said "I expect some day to see my ambition realized." (Laws of Maine 1931). This brings to an end an interesting incident in Maine history.

Respectfully,

S. P. 259

(Signed) PERCIVAL PROCTOR BAXTER

IN SENATE CHAMBER

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Read and placed on file
January 29, 1963
Sent down for concurrence

Read and placed on file
January 30, 1963
In concurrence

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

COMMUNICATION

STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA

January 23, 1963

The Honorable President of the Senate
The Honorable Speaker of the House
Honorable Members of the One Hundred and First Legislature

Gentlemen:

It is with great personal gratitude on behalf of myself and the citizens of the State of Maine, that I transmit to you herewith, a communication from the Honorable Percival P. Baxter, former Governor of the State of Maine, received by me on January 22, 1963. This communication is self-explanatory and sets forth the desire of the Honorable Percival P. Baxter to obtain concurring Legislative action in the acceptance of a gift of 7,764 acres of forest land to the State of Maine.

On September 5, 1962, consistent with the authority vested in me by the provisions of the Revised Statutes, Chapter 11, Section 16, the Governor and Executive Council accepted on behalf of the State of Maine, a gift of this tract of land, to be added to previous gifts of forest land which now comprise the Baxter State Park.

An Act will be proposed for your consideration and concurrence in acceptance of this gift, in keeping with Mr. Baxter's request. I submit Mr. Baxter's generous offer with the observation that favorable consideration of the accompanying legislation¹ is in the public interest and respectfully recommend your earliest favorable action.

This act of great generosity on the part of Mr. Baxter is further exemplification of the donor's continued interest in the preservation of the natural resources of our State for posterity.

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) JOHN H. REED,

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