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# THIRTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE.

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HOUSE.]

[No. 34.

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## A.

Amend, by striking out all after the enacting clause, and inserting as follows:

SECTION 1. All the public lands shall hereafter be  
2 managed and sold, under the direction of the Gover-  
3 nor, Council, State Treasurer and the Land Agent, for  
4 the time being, and they are hereby constituted a board  
5 for that purpose; and the Governor, State Treasurer  
6 and the Land Agent, in the absence of the Council,  
7 shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of the  
8 business hereby confided to them. Said board shall,  
9 from time to time, cause such lands to be surveyed  
10 into lots, of one hundred and sixty acres each, and  
11 cause the character of each lot to be noted on the plan  
12 or plans of such survey, to be retained in the Land  
13 office. And the board shall cause a minimum price,  
14 not exceeding one dollar an acre, to be noted on each  
15 lot. The Land Agent may thereupon, under their  
16 direction, sell and convey such lots, or parts of lots, at  
17 that price, or at a higher price, not however exceeding

18 in any case, more than one dollar an acre, nor shall  
19 more than one hundred and sixty acres be sold and  
20 conveyed to any one person. Upon every such sale,  
21 one-fourth part of the consideration shall be paid in  
22 cash, upon the delivery of the deed, and the remainder,  
23 in equal payments, in one, two, and three years, with  
24 interest, and each deed shall be conditioned for the  
25 security of these payments on time. Nothing howev-  
26 er expressed in this act shall have the effect to pre-  
27 clude the Land Agent from selling and conveying lots  
28 to such persons, as have applied for them, and have  
29 designated the lots, in their respective applications,  
30 under the law, as it existed, at the time, when their  
31 several applications may have been made. The board,  
32 hereby constituted, shall make return of their doings  
33 to each regular session of the Legislature.

SECT. 2. Lands set apart and designated, under the  
2 direction of the Land Agent, for schools, and such as  
3 have been designated as soldier's lands, all lands,  
4 which the Land Agent is authorized to convey to lite-  
5 rary institutions, and lands, which may be selected by  
6 persons in exchange for other lands, under the author-  
7 ity of the State, and lands heretofore conveyed by the  
8 State, by conditional deeds, on which the State may  
9 hereafter receive the purchase money, are not to be  
10 affected by the provisions of this act. But the pro-

11 ceeds of the sales of the other public lands, including  
12 those, which may be received or obtained by way of  
13 exchange, or so much thereof as may be necessary,  
14 are hereby appropriated and set apart for the follow-  
15 ing purposes, namely: a sum, not exceeding ten thous-  
16 and dollars, is to be reserved and expended, in com-  
17 pleting the Fish river State road, extending from the  
18 Aroostook river to Fort Kent, but not more than two  
19 thousand dollars of this appropriation is to be ex-  
20 pended in any one year. And a sum, not exceeding  
21 twelve hundred dollars, of which not more than five  
22 hundred dollars is to be expended in any one year, is  
23 to be reserved and appropriated for completing the  
24 Violet brook State road. Said expenditures to be  
25 made from time to time, as the Legislature may direct.  
26 All the residue of the proceeds of said sales are hereby  
27 granted and appropriated, under the conditions and  
28 limitations, hereinafter expressed, to aid the Aroostook  
29 Railroad Company, incorporated by an act, approved  
30 March 27th, A. D. 1858, in constructing their rail-  
31 road, extending from a point at or near Mattawam-  
32 keag village, or from any point between Milford and  
33 Mattawamkeag, in an easterly direction to the easter-  
34 ly boundary of the State, where it may be most con-  
35 venient for a connection with a railroad, from the city  
36 of St. John, in the Province of New Brunswick to the

37 said boundary. Also to aid in constructing a branch  
38 railroad to Houlton, or a distance of twenty-five miles,  
39 from any point in their railroad, in the direction of  
40 the State lands, in the county of Aroostook ; the point  
41 of departure to be determined by said company, with  
42 the approval of the board, named in the first section  
43 of this act. And said railroad, from Milford to Mat-  
44 tawamkeag and to the boundary, and said branch  
45 shall be considered to be the railroad, authorized by  
46 the act of incorporation of said company.

SECT. 3. The grant made by the State to the Aroos-  
2 took Railroad Company, of the proceeds of the sales  
3 of the public lands, as provided in this act, to aid said  
4 company in constructing and completing that part of  
5 their railroad extending from a point at or near Mat-  
7 tawamkeag village, or from any point between Matta-  
8 wamkeag and Milford, and extending in an easterly  
9 direction to the easterly boundary of the State, and  
10 the branch railroad extending as described in the  
11 preceding section, is made in consideration of, and on  
12 the express condition, that said Aroostook Railroad  
13 Company shall have commenced constructing that  
14 part of their railroad extending from Milford to Mat-  
15 tawamkeag, on or before the first of September, 1860,  
16 and shall have completed the same in all its parts,  
17 with the necessary furniture and equipments, and put

18 it in running order the whole distance from said Mil-  
19 ford to Mattawamkeag within three years thereafter.  
20 And on the further condition that the part of their  
21 railroad extending from the Milford and Mattawam-  
22 keag section of it to the eastern boundary of the State,  
23 and the branch towards the State lands shall be com-  
24 menced as soon after the completion of that section  
25 of their railroad, extending from Milford to Matta-  
26 wamkeag, as there is a sufficient sum of money in the  
27 treasury received from the proceeds of the sales of  
28 lands appropriated for this purpose, and when said  
29 company shall have completed ten miles of it the  
30 board, named in the first section of this act, shall then  
31 determine what is in their judgment a fair propor-  
32 tion of the whole appropriation for ten miles, and said  
33 company shall be then entitled to that amount, and  
34 the governor is hereby authorized to draw his war-  
35 rant for the same in favor of said company, if there  
36 be so much of the funds hereby appropriated in the  
37 treasury, and if not, for so much of it as there may  
38 be on hand, and the balance as soon as it shall be  
39 received, as hereinbefore provided, by the treasurer.  
40 And when an additional ten miles of said road shall  
41 have been constructed, the amount to be paid to said  
42 company shall be ascertained in like manner, and  
43 payment made from the treasury as aforesaid. And

44 like proceedings shall be had as each succeeding ten  
45 miles shall have been completed until said roads are  
46 completed and the whole appropriation expended.

SECT. 4. All expenditures by the land office relative  
2 to and on account of the lands, the proceeds of the  
3 sales of which are appropriated by this act, including  
4 salaries of officers, are to be paid annually out of the  
5 proceeds of the sales of said lands.

SECT. 5. All acts, requiring settling duties of the  
2 purchasers of settling lands, and all acts and parts of  
3 acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act, are  
4 hereby repealed.

This act shall take effect from and after its approval  
2 by the governor.



STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 21, 1859.

ORDERED, That 1,000 copies of the foregoing Bill, be printed for the use of the Legislature.

GEO. W. WILCOX, *Clerk.*