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# FORTIETH LEGISLATURE.

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HOUSE.

No. 37.

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## COMMUNICATION OF THE GOVERNOR,

*Transmitting Deed conveying the site of the Reform School at  
Cape Elizabeth, &c.*

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*To the House of Representatives :*

In compliance with an order of the House of Representatives, passed on the 15th of February instant, I herewith transmit the deed referred to therein, from the city of Portland to the State of Maine, conveying the site of the Reform School at Cape Elizabeth; also a copy of an order of the Council, passed October 19, 1853—which, I am informed, are all that appears on the records and files of the Secretary of State bearing upon the inquiries contained in the order of the House of Representatives.

It will be perceived from this statement, that there is no occasion for the expression of an opinion on my part upon the question whether “if the Institution should be changed in its character, or abolished, the property would belong to the State, or to the city of Portland,” as the House will be in possession of all the facts in the case of which I have any knowledge.

ISRAEL WASHBURN, JR.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }  
Council Chamber, Feb. 20, 1861. }

## [DEED.]

WHEREAS, By a resolve passed at the last session of the Legislature of this State, the Governor was authorized and empowered to appoint a board of three Commissioners, who shall have power to select and obtain by gift, and take a conveyance to the State, of a lot of land, which they deem a suitable site for a State Reform School, for employment of Juvenile Offenders; and whereas, the City of Portland have offered to convey to the State, for the purpose and use of said Reform School, a lot of land, hereinafter described, and the same has been accepted by the Commissioners appointed by the Governor for that purpose, as a suitable site for said Reform School,

NOW THEREFORE, *Know all Men by these Presents :*

That the City of Portland, in the State of Maine, by James B. Cahoon, Mayor of said city, duly authorized and empowered for this purpose, by a vote of the City Council of Portland, for and in consideration, that said Estate herein conveyed, shall be *forever* used and improved for a State Reform School, for the employment of Juvenile Offenders, does hereby grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the State of Maine, a certain lot of land in Cape Elizabeth, with the building thereon, and bounded as follows:—Commencing at a Stake, standing in the corner of land formerly owned by Broad, and on the easterly side of the County road, leading from [Stroudwater to Scarborough, from thence, running south thirty-two and a half degrees east by said Broad's land to Long Creek, thence westerly, down said Creek to Fore river and to land sold by Zenas Pratt to Robert Waterhouse, thence, north-westerly, by said Waterhouse line to the County road, thence south-westerly, by the easterly side of the County road, to the first bounds.

Also a certain lot of land in said Cape Elizabeth, adjoining the above, and commencing at a Stake, standing in the north-westerly corner of the above described lot, thence, south sixty-two and a half degrees, east one hundred and seventy-one and half rods to a corner, thence by said lot above described north twenty-five degrees, east

thirty-three rods, five links, and thence north-westerly, on a line to meet a Stake, in said County road four rods and one link northerly from the first bounds, and thence to the first bounds, said two parcels of land, containing one hundred and fifty-three acres, more or less; and are the same premises conveyed to the City of Portland, by Caleb S. Carter, by Deed of twenty-sixth day of November, A. D., 1850, and recorded in Cumberland Registry, Book 228, Page 188, to which reference may be had.

*To have and to hold the same*, together with all the privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging to the State of Maine, forever for a State Reform School for Juvenile Offenders, upon condition that said Estate shall always be held, used and forever improved by said State for such Reform School.

*In witness whereof*, I, the said James B. Cahoon, Mayor of said City, for and in behalf of said City, by virtue of said authority from said City Council, have hereunto set my hand, and Seal of said City of Portland, this, the twenty-fourth day of December, A. D., 1850.

JAMES B. CAHOON,

*Mayor of the City of Portland.*

Signed, sealed and delivered, the words "Mayor of said City" being first, twice interlined, in presence of

WM. BOYD.

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CUMBERLAND, SS:—Portland, Dec. 31, 1850. Then personally appeared the aforementioned James B. Cahoon, and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be the free act and deed of said City of Portland.

Before me,

WM. BOYD, *Justice of the Peace.*

