

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

No. 8.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVES authorizing survey and lease of lots in township owned by the Passamaquoddy Indians, in the county of Washington.

Resolved, That the land agent be and he hereby is
2 authorized to cause to be surveyed a tier of lots con-
3 taining one hundred and sixty acres each, or as near
4 that as circumstances will permit, on each side of the
5 Baring and Houlton road, through the township owned
6 by the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians ; and if any of
7 the tribe of said indians have any improvements on
8 said road, lots shall be laid off so as to include such
9 improvements in a single lot in each case, and the
10 surveyor making such survey shall make a specific re-
11 turn of the quality of soil, character of growth, and all
12 other elements of value in such lots.

Resolved, That after the survey is returned as afore-
2 said, the governor and council, the land agent, and
3 the agent of the Passamaquoddy tribe, shall constitute
4 a board to fix the price of said lots, a schedule where-
5 of, together with maps and field notes, shall be lodged
6 in the land office and with the agent of said tribe.
7 And the land agent shall advertise the same for lease,
8 at public auction, in the town of Princeton, at the
9 price fixed by the board aforesaid as the minimum
10 price ; and in case said lots, or any of them, should
11 not be leased at such auction, the same shall after-
12 wards remain subject to private entry at said mini-
13 mum ; but no lot in the occupancy of any indian shall
14 be leased. The terms of lease shall be for nine hun-
15 dred and ninety-nine years, one-third cash, and the
16 balance in two years, in equal annual payments,
17 secured by notes with responsible endorsers, or mort-
18 gage of the premises. The lease of said lands shall be
19 advertised in some newspaper in the county of Wash-
20 ington, in the state paper, and in some paper published
21 in Portland, two months prior to said auction. All
22 money received from lease of the aforesaid lots by the
23 land agent, shall be paid over to the treasurer of state
24 without abatement or deduction, to be held by the
25 state in trust for the benefit of said Passamaquoddy

26 tribe, and the interest shall be annually expended for
27 their benefit. The lease of said lots shall be subject
28 to the claims of parties who have heretofore bought the
29 timber on said township. *Provided*, that nothing
30 herein contained shall interfere with the occupancy of
31 any indian.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, March 2, 1863.

Laid on the table on motion of Mr. ELLIOT, and 350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

EZRA C. BRETT, *Secretary.*