

~~State of Maine.~~

In Council, June 22. 1832.

The Committee to which was referred a certain instrument executed by Mark Raffton, Esquire, of Bangor, Agent for the Penobscot tribe of Indians, have carefully examined the same and Report. That by said instrument it appears that the said Raffton in his capacity as Agent aforesaid hath let, demised and leased unto William Jameson of Orono and W. & H. Peice of Bangor, in the County of Penobscot, "all the coves and eddies attached to all the Islands from Orono Isl- and to the foot of Black Island — said Islands being situated at, and near P. Cove and called the Pea Cove Islands — and all other places on the shores of the aforesaid Pea Cove Islands suitable for fitting and fastening booms to secure logs, timber &c" "to have and to hold the same for the term of twelve years from the first day of January A.D. 1832. yielding and paying therefor the rent of thirty dollars per year or." By a Resolue of the Legislature entitled "Resolve for the purchase of Indian Lands," passed March 9. 1832. the Governor with advice of the Council is authorized to appoint two Commis- saries who are empowered in behalf of the State to purchase of the Penobscot tribe of Indians such of their lands within this State as they may be disposed to sell, at such prices and times and modes of payment as may be agreed upon. Provided said prices and times and modes of payment be approved by the Governor

and Council. Commissioners having been appointed to carry  
into effect the provisions of said Resove, your Committee are  
of the opinion, that should the instrument executed by said Graft-  
ton receive the approval of the Executive, it will tend to embar-  
rass the said Commissioners in their negotiation with the Indians.  
They therefore recommend that the Governor be advised to  
withhold his approval to said instrument.

Which is respectfully submitted.

Charles Peavy *By Order*