

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
Augusta, January 21, 1867. }

To the President of the Senate:

In response to an order of the Senate calling for information as to "what agents have been employed the past four years to prosecute a settlement of our claims on the National Government, and what sums have been paid to each or any of them, also under what law or resolve they were appointed," I have the honor to reply that it appears from the files of this department, that no other person has been appointed for the purpose and within the time specified, except Joseph H. Manley, Esq., who was employed by Governor Cony on the 30th day of August, 1866, under the following letter of instructions:

JOSEPH H. MANLEY, Esq.,

SIR:—Being desirous of putting the claims of the State of Maine against the government of the United States in train of settlement before the close of my administration, I hereby charge you with the duty of proceeding to Washington for that purpose. You will use your best endeavors to accomplish that object, corresponding with me to make known any deficiency in the testimony, to the end that the same may be supplied, if practicable. As the time is brief, you will press the matter with energy.

Your necessary expenses will be paid and a reasonable *per diem* compensation for your services will be allowed, to be fixed by the Governor and Council or by the Legislature; but in no case will a claim for commissions on the amount obtained, be admitted.

Respectfully yours,

(Signed)

SAMUEL CONY, *Governor.*

This, I assume to have been done under the general authority with which the Governor is charged to look after the interests of the State. Mr. Manley has received one hundred dollars, which was paid from the appropriation for war purposes.

At my entrance upon office, I requested Hon. Samuel Cony to take charge of the prosecution of this claim upon the same general principles and terms as those indicated in the foregoing letter of instructions.

J. L. CHAMBERLAIN.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, January 21, 1867.

Read, and on motion of Mr. PERKINS, laid on the table and the usual number of copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

THOMAS P. CLEAVES, *Secretary.*