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FOR THE YEAR

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REPORT OF THE AGENT

OF THE

PASSAMAQUODDY INDIANS,

FOR THE YEAR

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# REPORT.

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*To the Honorable Governor and Council of Maine:*

I have the honor to present my Report as Agent for the Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians, for the year ending Nov. 30th, 1879.

The expenditures are fully shown by my detailed account herewith submitted, together with accompanying vouchers.

Appropriations were made for the year, by a resolve of the Legislature, as follows, viz :

For May dividends.....	\$400 00
November dividends.....	300 00
Distressed poor.....	2,000 00
Agricultural purposes.....	600 00
Bounties on crops for year 1879.....	300 00
Ploughing .....	150 00
Salaries of Governors .....	100 00
Salaries of Lieut. Governors .....	40 00
Wood.....	200 00
Repairs on road leading from Peter Dana's Point to Granger turnpike.....	50 00
Contingent expenses.....	100 00
Educational purposes.....	300 00
Salary of Priest.....	100 00
Dressing for land.....	100 00
Salary of Agent.....	200 00
Contingent poor fund.....	500 00
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	\$5,440 00

From the above appropriations, the following bill was paid to Mr. Wm. T. Hobart, my predecessor in office :

State of Maine in account with Wm. T. Hobart, Agent for the Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians, for amount disbursed on account of appropriations for 1879 :

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April 12.—For paid on poor account, as per receipt,	\$696 18
“ “ wood “ “ “	161 40
“ for agricultural purposes, as per receipt.....	122 79
“ for May dividends, as per receipt.....	121 25
“ for contingent expenses, as per receipt.....	7 00
“ for salary of Lieut. Governor, as per receipt.....	32 00
“ my salary for three months..	50 00
“ “ expenses to Augusta to settle accounts.....	25 00
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	\$1,215 62

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April 12.—By balance due from appropriations for 1878.....	126 13
“ discount on Doctor's bill.....	9 50
“ balance due on account .....	1,079 99
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	\$1,215 62

Received payment,

WM. T. HOBART, *Agent.*

The balance of the appropriations, after deducting Mr. Hobart's bill, was \$4360.01, which amount I have received from the State Treasurer, and expended as follows, viz :

For May dividends.....	\$244 30
November dividends.....	309 00
Distressed poor.....	1,755 18

For Agricultural purposes.....	\$394 00
Bounties on crops.....	485 70
Ploughing.....	140 00
Salaries of Governors.....	100 00
Salaries of Lieut. Governors.....	8 00
Wood.....	42 20
Repairs on Peter Dana's point road.....	50 00
Contingent purposes.....	120 35
Educational purposes.....	275 00
Salary of Priest.....	100 00
Dressing for land.....	158 00
Salary of Agent for nine months ending Dec. 1, 1879.....	150 00
	\$4,331 73
Balance due the Indians, remaining in my hands,	\$28 28

By an enumeration of the Passamaquoddy Indians, taken in May of the current year, the tribe was shown to number 523, this total comprising 272 males and 251 females. They are principally located at Pleasant Point, near the town of Perry, and at Peter Dana's Point, near the town of Princeton. They have also a considerable settlement in the city of Calais. Families and individuals of the tribe are scattered in various sections of the State. At the two villages first named the tribe have churches, school houses and other buildings devoted to common purposes.

In recent years a large and constantly increasing proportion of the tribe visit, in the summer months, Bar Harbor and other seaside resorts, where they do a remunerative business, the females in manufacturing and selling baskets, and the males, in engaging their personal services and their canoes to visitors.

A marked improvement has of late been observable in the morality of the tribe, a result that is to be largely attributed to the labors of Father Freitag, a Catholic missionary who frequently visits them, and who merits high commendation

for the interest which he manifests in their temporal and religious welfare.

As a rule, these Indians are a contented and happy people, caring chiefly to provide for only their immediate wants, and borrowing but little trouble from the future.

The usual amount of sickness has prevailed among the tribe during the year, but they have been visited by no disease of a contagious nature. The mortality has been below the average of former years, and the number of births has been in excess of the deaths.

Among the deceased may be mentioned Peter Mitchell, who had been an inmate of the Insane Asylum at Augusta for a number of years.

Following the death of Governor Neptune, which occurred at Peter Dana's Point last year, John Dana was selected to act as temporary Governor until one could be formally chosen. An election for this purpose and also to choose a Lieut. Governor, was held at Peter Dana's Point on the 22d of September, the entire tribe being assembled at the event. The result was the election of Mitchell Newell for Governor, and Andrew Lewey for Lieut. Governor. They were duly installed the same evening with solemn and time-honored ceremonies. A short time subsequently, the newly elected Governor married, by decree of the tribe, Miss Fannie Salmore of Pleasant Point, where the marriage was celebrated, nearly every member of the tribe participating in the festivities. Feasting and dancing continued for many days.

Increased attention to agriculture has been displayed by the Indians the past year. Their crops have been excellent, and the aggregate product has been larger than formerly. At Pleasant Point every portion of available land was cultivated. It is also gratifying to notice a greater interest in education. The attendance at the schools has been larger and the attainment greater than usual, which may be accounted for in part by the fact that a series of prizes were offered to be competed for.



Lewey Mitchell of Pleasant Point has been elected for Representative to the Legislature.

During the year I have made frequent visits to each settlement of the tribe, and have become fully acquainted with their condition and necessities. I would respectfully recommend that the same appropriations be made for the ensuing year, except in the item of bounties on crops, which should be increased to \$500, as that amount will undoubtedly be needed next year for the above purpose. The appropriations for distressed poor and contingent poor fund should certainly not be any less than last year, as the number of widows, orphans and old people who must be maintained, is large and somewhat increased.

W. WALLACE BROWN,

*Agent for Passamaquoddy Indians.*

CALAIS, Dec. 1st, 1879.

# STATE OF MAINE.

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IN COUNCIL, March 11, 1880.

On motion of Mr. CAMPBELL,

ORDERED, That the Secretary of State be directed to take from the files the Report of the Agent of the Passamaquoddy Indians for the year 1879, and have the usual number of copies printed.

Attest;

S. J. CHADBOURNE,  
*Secretary of State.*