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To Honorable Louis J. Brann, Governor of Maine  
Re: Voting Rights of Inhabitants of Unincorporated Places

. . . The right of such an inhabitant is governed by Section 3 of Part Second of Article IV of the Constitution of Maine and by Section 76 of Chapter 8 of the Revised Statutes.

The last sentence of Section 3 of Part Second, Article IV of the Constitution reads as follows:

"All other qualified electors, living in places unincorporated, who shall be assessed to the support of the government by the assessors of an adjacent town, shall have the privilege of voting for senators, representatives and governor in such town; and shall be notified by the selectmen thereof for that purpose accordingly."

Section 76 of Chapter 8, R. S., reads as follows:

"Electors living on islands adjacent to the mainland along the coast of the state and within the jurisdiction thereof, but not incorporated with any town, and all such electors living in other unorganized places may furnish lists of their polls and estates to the assessors of any adjacent town, on or before the first day of each April and said assessors shall assess state and county taxes upon all such persons, and they shall be collected in the same manner and by the same officers as if such electors so presenting their polls and estates may vote in such town for all national state and county officers and representatives to the legislature."

I find no other provisions of law touching the question of voting by inhabitants of unorganized places.

The plain reading of the above provisions forces the conclusion that in order to entitle an inhabitant of an unincorporated place to vote, he must first have been assessed the state and county taxes by the assessors of an adjacent town, and having been so assessed, he is then entitled to vote in such town for all national, state and county offices and representatives to the legislature.

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