

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FORTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 10.

MINORITY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS.

Constrained to dissent from the conclusion of their associates, the undersigned, a minority of the Committee on Elections, would respectfully report, in the matter of the Remonstrance of Peter Charles Keegan against the claim of William Dickey to a seat in this House, That, if proof be required of compliance with the requirements of the statutes, in organizing a plantation, before its votes be counted, we find that no plantation in the Madawaska district has fulfilled this condition, and said Keegan is elected by the votes of the towns in said district by seven majority. If, on the other hand, the course which the undersigned deem preferable be adopted, and the inquiry simply is, Who received *the major vote* of the electors in *all* the towns and plantations composing the district?—then the same result is reached, and Peter Charles Keegan is elected by fifteen plurality.

We therefore conclude that Mr. Keegan is clearly entitled to the seat in this House now held by Mr. Dickey, and beg leave to report the accompanying resolves to that effect.

EDWIN B. SMITH.

J. S. P. HAM.

*To the House of Representatives of the
Legislature of Maine now in session :*

Peter C. Keegan of Madawaska, respectfully represents that the following is the Representative vote at the last election in his class, viz :

	Peter C. Keegan.	Wm. Dickey.
Hamlin	59.....	25
Cyr	30.....	1
Van Buren.....	84.....	27
Grant Isle.....	58.....	18
Madawaska.....	108.....	19
Dickeyville	87.....	115
Fort Kent.....	16.....	110
St. John.....	4.....	17
St. Francis.....	00.....	36
Wallagrass	1.....	28
Eagle Lake.....	0.....	36
	447	432

And that he was therefore elected as a member of this House by the people of the district by a majority vote of 15 over his opponent, Mr. Dickey—that in the returns of members elect in the State Journal and all the newspapers of his county his name appeared as one,—but that the certificate was sent to his opponent, Mr. Dickey, probably by mistake, and that said Dickey now holds a seat in the House against law and against right.

He therefore, remonstrating against the said Dickey's further holding him out, asks this House to seat him as one of its members.

PETER CHARLES KEEGAN.

AUGUSTA, January 6, 1870.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVES relating to the representation of Madawaska
district in the house of representatives.

Resolved, That Peter Charles Keegan, having received
2 a majority of all the legal votes cast in the Madawaska
3 district for representative in the legislature, is entitled
4 to his seat in this house.

Resolved, That William Dickey, not having received
2 a plurality of the votes legally cast in the Madawaska
3 district for representative in the legislature, is not
4 entitled to a seat in this house.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
January 26, 1870. }

Reported by Mr. HAM, from the minority of the Committee on
Elections, and ordered to be printed.

S. J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*