

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

No. 35.

STATE OF MAINE.

[No. 46.] RESOLVE in favor of Eli Goss of Portland.

Resolved, That a pension at the rate of four dollars
2 per month, additional to that he now receives, be
3 granted to Eli Goss of Portland, from the first day of
4 January, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred
5 and seventy-five, to be paid him semi-annually, out of
6 any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated,
7 until otherwise ordered.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

To the Honorable Members of the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled :

This memorial of Eli Goss of Portland, State of Maine, respectfully submits, that on the third day of March, A. D. 1839, while in the military service of the State of Maine, he received a severe and permanent injury, resulting in an immediate disability, and in course of the treatment thereof, in the loss, by amputation, of one of his legs near the hip ; which facts are on record in the archives of the State, and are authenticated by a resolve in favor of said Goss, approved Sept. 24th, 1853, passed at an extra session. This resolve, for the reasons therein recited, granted a pension to him of four dollars per month from Jan. 1st, 1843, to Jan. 1st, 1853, and eight dollars per month from the latter date, during life. Afterwards by a resolve approved March 10th, 1869, an addition of four dollars per month from Jan. 1st, 1869, was made to his said pension.

Now your memorialist would respectfully ask if it is not right and just that he should receive at least four dollars per month from the date of his disability already established, to wit: Mar. 3d, 1839, to Jan. 1st, 1843? And that from the latter date, when his leg was amputated, he should receive an additional four dollars per month up to Jan. 1st, 1853, to equalize his pension until that date?

And he would further suggest, that were he a pensioner of the United States, for disability like his, contracted in service since 1861, he would, under act of Congress approved March 3, 1873, be entitled to a pension of not less than sixteen dollars per month.

Believing and knowing that in view of his advanced age and needy circumstances, and that his crippled condition was the result of doing his duty for the State at her call upon him, his just claims will not be forgotten nor slighted, he asks a respectful consideration thereof at your hands.

And as in duty bound will ever pray.

ELI GOSS.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 11, 1875.

Reported in House, from Committee on Pensions, and pending its first reading in the Senate, laid over to be printed, with the Statement of Facts, under the Joint Rule.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary.*