

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 60.

[MINORITY REPORT.]

STATE OF MAINE.

We, the undersigned, members of the Committee on Claims, to which was referred the petition of the Assessors and others of Plantation No. 4, Penobscot county, known as Lakeville, praying that the State reimburse said Plantation to the amount of \$527.34, (five hundred and twenty-seven dollars and thirty-four cents) being amount of State aid due said Plantation for the years A. D. 1864, and A. D. 1865, and which was lost in transfer, have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to report a resolve, which is herewith submitted.

DANIEL R. STOVER,
BENJAMIN W. NORTON,
JOHN D. MARTIN,
B. M. BAKER.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of plantation number four, range one,
in Penobscot county, known as Lakeville.

Resolved, That there be paid from the state treasury
2 to plantation number four, range one, in the county of
3 Penobscot, the sum of five hundred and twenty-seven
4 dollars and thirty-four cents, amount of state aid due
5 such plantation for the years eighteen hundred and
6 sixty-four and eighteen hundred and sixty-five.

This act shall take effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

There was allowed from the State to plantation No. 4, Range 1, Penobscot county, in 1864 and 1865, five hundred twenty-seven 34-100 dollars, for aid furnished to families of volunteers. The State Treasurer was ordered in August, 1866, by the treasurer of said plantation, to forward the amount by a check on a Bangor bank or by express; the express route was from Augusta to Mattawamkeag. The State Treasurer forwarded this amount by express, without any notice of the fact to the plantation; the nearest express office was Lincoln, twenty-five miles from the plantation; a stage driver took this money at Lincoln to convey to Springfield the nearest point of his route, being six miles from said plantation; said driver embezzled the money. It was more than a year before the assessors of No. 4, Range 1, learned that the money had been sent; and then said driver had used up the money, and being worthless, it could not be recovered of him. The plantation instituted a suit against the express company, but as the loss was beyond their line, failed. The plantation is very poor, having, in 1870, a population of 108 inhabitants, and the loss to them is irreparable.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 3, 1876. }

Pending acceptance of report, on motion of Mr. TALBOT of East Machias, the resolve with statement of facts was laid on the table and ordered printed with the report.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*