

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Fifty-Seventh Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 41.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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### RESOLVE in favor of William Conary.

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*Resolved,* That the treasurer be authorized to reimburse William Conary fifty-one dollars and ninety cents, being the amount paid to Edwin C. Burleigh, land agent, for the purchase of Black or Conary's island, November twenty-one, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, and the said sum is hereby appropriated to meet the demand.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS.

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For more than thirty years the petitioner has had peaceful and quiet possession of Black or Conary's island, in Eggemoggin Reach, Hancock county, acquiring his title of Rev. Daniel Merrill, who purchased of Isaac K. Conary. The affidavit is present of the wife of Isaac K. Conary, who testifies that she saw the deed of said island given by James Irish, Land Agent of the State in 1824. This testimony is confirmed by the affidavits of Israel Conary and William Conary, who testify that they heard the deed read. It appears that Bear island, near by, was advertised for sale, and withdrawn from sale by the Land Agent, a deed having been found which had never been recorded.

Evidence is offered to show that Black island was purchased, originally, on the same day with Bear island, and the evidence your Committee thinks to be conclusive that such is the case. And the fact that the Conary family had remained for more than fifty years in quiet possession of the island, without quest on from the State or any other parties whatever, it having been deeded and re-deeded during that time, the Committee consider that justice and equity require that the money paid by said William Conary to the Land Agent should be refunded.

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
January 25, 1878. }

Reported from the Committee on Claims, by Mr. AUSTIN of  
Milford, and ordered printed, with Statement of Facts, under the  
Joint Rule.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*