

FIFTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE

No. 142.

STATE OF MAINE.

The Committee on Claims, to which was referred the report of the Honorable Governor and Council, of February 6, 1879, the communication of the Secretary of State, and bills of Edmund D. Wiggin against the State, having had the same under consideration, ask leave to report.

The accounts presented by Mr. Wiggin against the State, are for services rendered and expenses incurred by him whilst employed by the State, (as he claims) as a detective in the case wherein Mr. J. Wilson Barron lost his life at Dexter, February 22, 1878. Mr. Wiggin was acting under instructions from L. A. Emery, then Attorney General for the State, and Jasper Hutchings, County Attorney for the County of Penobscot.

In March, 1878, Mr. Wiggin deemed it advisable to have one James Hope arrested, then within the limits of Connecticut, and he was appointed by the Governor, to receive the said Hope from the executive of Connecticut, and bring him to this State. Hope was taken to Bangor by Wiggin, there tried and acquitted. The arrest and trial of Hope, added nothing to the detection of those concerned in this transaction.

For the better understanding of the subject matter presented to the committee, and that the Legislature may better comprehend the merits of the claims made by Mr. Wiggin, we have annexed hereto abstracts of the testimony, copies of the accounts, also of the law under which the officers of the State employed Mr. Wiggin, his commissions, and copies of the correspondence, and telegrams between Mr. W. and the attorney general, county attorney and officers of the Dexter Bank.

As the law has been repealed by the Legislature, your committee make no further comments, but recommend the whole matter be referred to the Governor and Council, and ask leave to report the following resolve, entitled "Resolve in favor of Edmund D. Wiggin."

> C. C. ROBERTS, ALDEN BRADFORD, AMOS F. PARLIN, FRED FOX, JOHN T. HALL, NEHEMIAH SMART, ALFRED E. IVES, JACOB S. LOVEJOY, SETH MARTIN, SAUNDERS MORRILL,

Committee.

AUGUSTA, February, 1879.

Edmund D. Wiggin, sworn: Reside in Boston. Have been a detective for eleven years. Have been employed by Chief of Police in Boston, and by others in authority. First spoken to about this transaction by Mr. Bradbury of Dexter. Received a telegram from Mr. Hamilton of Dexter. Went there Feb. 27, 1878. Met Mr. Heald a detective from Portland, and McCausland, a detective from Boston. February 26, 1878, is the date of my commission from Mr. Emery, Attorney General. Examined the bank; also a number of witnesses in Dexter. Went to Exeter, Me., examined those who testified before coroner. Went to Norway, Me.; went with Boston detective. There hired a team to go to Gorham, I went one side of river with team, from Bethel to N. H. Gorham, and had a team to go on other side. We were after suspicious characters, whom I had heard of in Dexter. Search amounted to nothing. Went to North Colebrook with team and driver; returned to Dexter. Heard about a suspicious person in Showhegan : went there.

From description of persons given me by residents in Dexter, thought Dobbs, Worcester Sam and Jimmy Hope, three notorious burglars, might have done this. Heard Hope was in jail in Connecticut. Went to Hartford, saw counsel for Hope. Gave him my reasons why I wish to get Hope into Hope was in jail at Deep River, Conn. this State. Went there. Daniel Jones was counsel for Hope. He said when he could get out of jail thought he could help in reference torobbery. Said he would see me in New York, and show me Dobbs and Worcester. Telegraphed county attorney to get indictment against Hope, so I could have requisition to take him to Maine. Went to Middleton, Conn., to see other counsel of Hope. Went to Bangor and to Dexter. Saw county attorney; told him what I thought best to do. Went to Augusta; saw Governor Connor; obtained requisition.

Went to Newton to see directors of Deep River Bank. Directors refused to let Hope go until I explained things to them. Hamilton sent two witnesses to Deep River to identify Hope. In 1875, these witnesses had carried Hope to some place or town. Had hearing at Dexter, then took Hope to Bangor. Cole, a detective from Hartford, came on with me. I paid him \$40 and his expenses. Went from Bangor to Dexter, then to New York. Whilst in Connecticut made up my mind that Dobbs and Worcester Sam might be the men I wanted. A man told Hope's counsel that Hope's friends had gone to New York to get some money—meaning to commit burglary. Believe Dobbs and Worcester Sam did this deed.

Kept account of cash I spent; gave same to Mr. Bradbury and Hamilton.

When Hope was arrested in Connecticut, Copley was arrested with him. Detailed two men to work for me. Worked with them for a long time. Got Copley's address, and where he lived. One of the men thought Dobbs would come to Copley's house. Went to Troy, Plattsburgh, and Au Sable, to get track of Dobbs. Had an envelope, as I supposed, from Mrs. Dobbs. Sent word to Hamilton what I was doing. Came to Boston; met Bradbury. Sent word to Hamilton to meet me in New York. Went with Bradbury to captain of detectives in New York. Engaged parties to watch Copley's house. Hired room in New York, for these parties who were watching for me. Thought Dobbs might go to Copley's.

In April went to Bangor to see attorney general and consult him. Wanted a man who was in jail in New York; he was an old friend of Dobbs. Got letters from attorney general, and from governor. This man was discharged; worked for me over two months on this job. He would hear about Dobbs, and tell me about him. He took of me \$15. He thought my endeavors to get him out of jail was sufficient compensation for his labors. Nothing was said at this time to Mr. Emery about expenses.

Hamilton was informed by me of what was going on, and he informed Mr. Hutchins. Went to Albany to see governor of New York about a pardon for the man in New York jail. This man knew Dobbs, Copley and Worcester Sam. Went to Boston to see chief Savage, and consulted with him. Went back and forth from Boston to New York. Could have written letters, I suppose.

About this time heard of a robbery and tying up job; thought I might find out something about it. Hoped to get hold of Copley. Jones telegraphed me about Dobbs. Went to Hartford, then to Brooklyn. Went to Coney Island, also to High Bridge, N. Y.; thought might get information from some parties there. Went to Sing Sing. Saw there in prison a notorious burglar. Wished through him to locate Worcester Sam or Dobbs. At Newcastle got copies of records the county attorney wrote me for, in case of Hope.

Arrested one man whilst on this job; he got twelve years in prison. Went to Concord, also to New York and Boston.

Attorney General and County Attorney met me in New York. I told them, or the Attorney General in New York, my bill was about \$3,000; told him about the boy and house I had hired. Attorney General asked me what my charge was a day, I told him \$10 and expenses. This is the usual pay for a detective. The Attorney General said this sum was satisfactory. It makes no difference in these terms how long a detective is employed. Now employed on the Paige case. Told Mr. Emery I needed money; spending my own. He said council would meet the first of the month, and told me to make out my bill and present it, after that to make it out every thirty days; he said he would see that the attention of the council was brought to it.

When I first went to Dexter my commission was handed to me. Nothing said about pay. Reported once or twice a week to officers. Engaged in this work from last of February to last of August, 1878. Hired three boys in all. Bank has advanced money to me. I am to settle with bank. The bank paid expenses of those who went on to identify Hope. The attorney general struck out quite a number of items from my account that the State would not pay. The bank paid Chapman and Dearborn, detectives, \$10 per day;

Dearborn six days and expenses, and Chapman three days and expenses. Penobscot county will pay me in the Hope case \$75; this amount should appear on my bill of \$361.05 v. State.

Have received of the bank, in all, \$2,200. Was not in any other business than this from February to latter part of August. Account is in my hand writing; have not presented other accounts different from these; do not know who made erasures on my accounts. Mr. Emery told me in August my bill occasioned some surprise. I sent one bill to Hutchings to draw the money, settle with the bank and send balance to me; the amount of this was something over \$400. Erasures on accounts known only to me a day or two since. Attorney and county attorney knew amount of my bill in August, 1878. W. D. McCausland was the name of Boston detective I saw in Dexter.

John S. Heald: Reside in Portland. Have been a detective. Have received \$5 per day; sometimes more. Now in employ of Maine Central Railroad Co. In Western States pay is \$10, long or short time. Was in Dexter in February, 1878. Told Hamilton if he employed detective to make a trade so much a day and expenses. I had regular pay, and did not want to give it up for this job. Know Mr. Wiggin; he is A, No. 1 detective.

Hamilton: Reside in Dexter; am treasurer of bank; not connected with bank at time of robbery. I was, however, with national bank as director and vice president. I was one of the town officers. McCausland was sent to Dexter to consult with officers of bank and town. Knew he was a detective. After consulting with attorney general and county attorney, Wiggin was employed. McCausland stated to me we should have to pay \$10 a day and expenses. When Wiggin first came to Dexter his commission was handed to him. No talk about pay. We supposed he was acting under commission from Emery and therefore had no conversation about compensation, as his bill was to be audited by the Governor and Council. Wiggin reported once or twice a week. He was engaged on the case from February 28, to last of August, 1878. Expenses at Dexter were paid by bank. Bank has advanced money (\$2,200) to Wiggin. Bank paid expenses of parties to identify Hope. At Newport I told attorney general and county attorney that the savings bank was in trouble. Attorney general struck out quite a number of items from Wiggin's account. Bank officers were satisfied with Wiggin. Bank paid Chapman and Dearborn \$10 a day and expenses; amount of their bill was \$125. The amount to be paid Mr. Wiggin by the bank is \$435; this is the amount of his bill v. bank, for services, &c., &c.

I want to say that in answer to a question, "if any fault was found with Mr. Wiggin?" I answered it before I thought of the scope it included; I wish to say I have heard some fault found in Dexter; some criticise the bringing Hope into the State. As a matter of fact the bank made all the arrangements, &c., about arrest of Hope, and all parties then interested thought it best to arrest Hope. Present at trial of Hope in Bangor. Attorney general and judge were of the opinion that Hope ought to have been convicted.

[Laws of Maine, chapter 167, 1877, page 125.]

An act to facilitate the detection and punishment of certain offences.

SECTION 1. Whenever there shall appear to the attorney general probable cause to believe that the offence of murder or arson has been committed in this State, and there is need of special investigation to discover the perpetrators thereof, the attorney general may, upon the application of the county attorney of the county in which such offence is believed to have been committed, detail any civil officer to conduct such investigation.

SECT. 2. Such officer so detailed shall make a thorough investigation, and make full report thereof to the county attorney. He may employ necessary experts when specially authorized by the attorney general.

SECT. 3. Such officer shall be paid his necessary expenses and a reasonable compensation by the State, and his accounts therefor shall be audited by the governor and council.

(Approved February 7, 1877.)

[Copy of letter, Jasper Hutchings to E. D. Wiggin.]

BANGOR, ME., June 14, 1878.

Dear Sir: —In the indictment to be found against James Hope, I want to allege one or more previous convictions for crime. It will be necessary for me to get a copy of the record of conviction, and at the trial I shall also have to have proof that the man named in the record is the James Hope, or Watson, that we have here.

Please give me information of where, in what courts he has been convicted; also of witnesses who can identify the man and connect him with the record of previous convictions.

How about the Barron murder, are there any new developments?

Respectfully, JASPER HUTCHINGS. Mr. E. D. Wiggin.

STATE OF MAINE.

Whereas, there appears to the Attorney General probable cause to believe that the offence of murder has been committed at Dexter in this State, and that there is need of special investigation to discover the perpetrators thereof,

And whereas, the County Attorney of the County of Penobscot, has applied to me for the detail of a civil officer to conduct such investigation,

I do, therefore, detail E. D. Wiggin for that purpose, and direct him to make a thorough investigation, and to make full report thereof to the County Attorney.

L. A. EMERY, Attorney General.

February 26, 1878.

[Copy of letter, E. D. Wiggin to L. A. Emery.]

To L. A. Emery, Attorney General of the State of Maine :

In the investigation to discover the perpetrators of the murder of J. Wilson Barron, I would represent that I have urgent need to employ the assistance of experts in the city of New York, to discover the location of certain persons suspected.

Wherefore, I ask for special authority to employ such experts, not exceeding three.

E. D. WIGGIN, Special Officer.

April 17, 1878.

[Copy.]

STATE OF MAINE.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE, April 17, 1878.

Upon the foregoing application, Mr. E. D. Wiggin is authorized to employ the experts asked for, not exceeding three, in the investigation named.

L. A. EMERY, Attorney General.

[Copy of letter, L. A. Emery to E. D. Wiggin.] ELLSWORTH, July 25, 1878.

E. D. Wiggin, Esq.

Dear Sir:—We saw Mr. Hamilton on our return. He was pleased with our report. It is true, nevertheless, that this bank is in difficulties, and hence it is extremely important that the men should be secured early.

It is apparent to us that the funds must give out before very long, and we urge upon you the importance of extra exertion, because if the funds are exhausted before the men are got, and we have to call you off, we all suffer; you with us. Please report to Jasper Hutchings, Bangor, as often as once a week, of what you are doing.

Yours very truly,

L. A. EMERY.

[Copy of letter, L. A. Emery to the Committee on Accounts.]

The enclosed bills were sent me, and I transmit them to you, as I do not find that the law provides for any preliminary auditing by me.

Mr. Wiggin was appointed on the Dexter murder case, and has been at work upon it; a case full of mystery as well as atrocity. Mr. Wiggin has, I think, discovered who the murderers are, but they are in hiding.

The items of the bill can best be explained by him. His address is Sherman House, Boston. Cel. Hutchings, County Attorney at Bangor, knows of the details.

Yours truly, L. A. EMERY.

[Copy of letter from L. A. Emery to E. D. Wiggin.] ELLSWORTH, Oct. 31, 1878.

E. D. Wiggin, Esq.

Dear Sir:—I am just back from a long absence, and find yours awaiting me. Your bills were duly sent in to the Governor and Council, with the proper endorsement, and are now before them. I have not learned what action they have taken upon them.

Yours truly, L. A. EMERY.

[Copy of a telegram from Edward Miggrel to E. D. Wiggin.]

ALBANY, N. Y., 1878, May 4.

E. D. Wiggin, Esq., Westminster Hotel.

The governor will grant your request. Let me know what arrangements you desire to make. The papers will not be made out until I hear from you.

EDWARD MIGGREL, Pardon Clerk.

[Copy of telegram from E. Miaggel to E. D. Wiggin.]

ALBANY, N. Y.-9-1878, May 9.

E. D. Wiggin, W minster Ho., City.

Papers gone to the prison this noon-directions given as you request in your last dispatch.

E. MIAGGEL, Pardon Clerk.

[Copy of voucher.]

NEWCASTLE, Delaware.

Mr. Wiggin, Dect.,

To Jno. P. Springer, Clerk of the Peace. 1878. July 31st. To certified copies of office records, in the case of James Thomas, alias James Hope, \$5.

Rec'd payment, JNO. P. SPRINGER, C. P.

1878. State of Maine to Edmund D. Wiggin, Dr.

To services and actual expenses in the investigation of the death of J. W. Barron, late Treasurer of the First National Bank of Dexter, Me. :

| February 27. | To telegram, Boston to Dexter | 74 |
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| " | Railroad fare, Boston to Dexter | \$ 8 25 |
| March 1. To | Railroad fare, Corinna to Paris | 4 70 |
| " | Stage, Paris to Norway | 25 |
| March 2. | Team and driver, Norway to Gorham, N. H | 15 00 |
| " | Team and driver, Bethel to Gorham, N. H | 5 00 |
| " | Telegram, Gorham to Dexter | 1 77 |
| " | Telegram, Gorham to Dexter | 50 |
| " " | Railroad fare, Gorham to North Stratford, N. H | 1 25 |
| March 3. | Team and driver, North Stratford to Colebrook | 5 00 |
| " | Team and driver, Colebrook to Stewartstown | 2 00 |
| March 4. | Railroad fare, North Stratford to Dexter, Me | 8 60 |
| March 7. | Railroad fare, Skowhegan to Boston | 6 0 0 |
| March 9. | Telegram, Boston to Dexter | 50 |
| " | Railroad fare, Boston to Hartford, Conn | 5 50 |
| " | Telegram, Boston to Hartford, Conn | 30 |
| " | Telegram, Boston to Hartford, Conn | 70 |
| March 10. | Telegram, Hartford, Conn. to Deep River | 6 2 |
| " | Team, Hartford to Middletown, Conn | 8 00 |
| " | Team, Middletown to Haddam, Conn | $3 \ 00$ |
| March 11. | Railroad fare, Middletown to Haddam | 50 |
| " | Railroad fare, Haddam to Hartford, Conn | 90 |
| " | Telegram, Hartford to Bangor, Me | 6 2 |
| " | Telegram, Hartford to Dexter, Me | 1 40 |
| March 12. | Railroad fare, Hartford to Middletown and return, for two | $2 \ 00$ |
| " | Telegram, Middletown to Deep River, Conn., and Bangor, Me. | $2\ 50$ |
| March 14. | Railroad fare, Boston to Dexter | 7 00 |
| " | Telegram, Boston to Bangor | 37 |
| March 19. | Telegram | 50 |
| March 20. | Carriage in Hartford, Conn | 50 |
| " | Telegram, Boston to Dexter | 82 |
| March 23. | Railroad fare, Bangor to Boston, sleeping car | 9 00 |

| Match 25. | To Railroad fare, Boston to New York | \$8 | 00 |
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| March 26. | Telegram, New York to Boston | | 71 |
| March 27. | Railroad fare, New York to Hartford, Conn | 3 | 00 |
| March 28. | Railroad fare, Hartford, Conn., to New York | 3 | 00 |
| March 29. | Railroad fare, New York to Troy | 3 | 15 |
| " | Railroad fare, Troy to Plattsburgh, sleeping car | 7 | 90 |
| March 30. | Railroad fare, Plattsburgh to Au Sable, N. Y | 1 | 00 |
| " | Telegram, Plattsburgh to Au Sable, N. Y | | 50 |
| " | Team, Au Sable to Wilmington, N. Y | 5 | 00 |
| April 1. T | o team, Wilmington to Notch House, N. Y | 3 | 00 |
| | Team, Wilmington to Au Sable | 4 | 00 |
| " | Railroad fare, Au Sable to Plattsburgh | 1 | 00 |
| " | Telegram, Plattsburgh to Boston, Dexter and New York | 2 | 86 |
| " | Railroad fare, Plattsburgh to New York City, sleeping car | 11 | 95 |
| April 3. | Railroad fare, New York to Boston, sleeping car | 8 | 00 |
| April 4. | Railroad fare, Boston to New York, sleeping car | 8 | 00 |
| April 11. | Telegram, New York to Dexter | | 92 |
| April 13. | Railroad fare, New York to Boston, sleeping car | 8 | 00 |
| April 15. | Telegram, Boston to Ellsworth, Me | 1 | 00 |
| | Railroad fare, Boston to Bangor, Me., sleeping car | 9 | 00 |
| April 16. | Carriage in Bangor | | 50 |
| · · · | Stage, Bangor to Ellsworth | 2 | 00 |
| April 17. | Team, Ellsworth to Bangor | 5 | 00 |
| · · · · · | Railroad fare, Bangor to Boston, sleeping car | 9 | 00 |
| April 18. | Telegram, Boston to New York | 1 | 45 |
| · · · | Telegram, Boston to New York | | 55 |
| April 19. | Railroad fare, Boston to New York, sleeping car | 8 | 00 |
| April 24. | Telegram, New York to Boston | | 50 |
| · · · · | Telegram, New York to Albany | | 50 |
| April 26. | Railroad fare, New York to Albany | 3 | 25 |
| April 27. | Railroad fare, Albany to Boston | 5 | 70 |
| April 28. | Railroad fare, Boston to Albany | 5 | 70 |
| April 29. | Railroad fare, Albany to New York City | 3 | 25 |
| May 4. To | Railroad fare, New York to Boston, sleeping car | 8 | 00 |
| May 6. | Railroad fare, Boston to New York | 8 | 00 |
| May 7. | Telegram, New York to Albany and return | 1 | 75 |
| May 8 | Telegram, New York to Albany | | 72 |
| May 10. | Fare, New York to Blackwell's Island | | 60 |
| May 11. | Fare, New York to Blickwell's Island | | 60 |
| " | Railroad fare, New York to Boston | 8 | 00 |
| May 14. | Railroad fare, Boston 50 New York | 8 | 00 |
| May 17. | Railroad fare, New York to Bennington, Vt | 6 | 25 |
| May 19. | Railroad fare, Bennington, Vt., to New York | 6 | 25 |
| | Telegram, New York to Bennington, Vt., and return | 1 | 30 |
| May 21. | Telegram, New York to Dexter | | 25 |
| May 22. | Telegram, New York to Hartford | | 60 |
| " | Railroad fare, New York to Hartford | 3 | 00 |
| May 23. | Railroad fare, Hartford to New York | 3 | 00 |
| " | Carriage at Hartford | 2 | 50 |
| May 26. | Expenses, New York tc Coney Island and return | 6 | 10 |

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EDMUND D. WIGGIN.

| June 1. To | boat, New York to Boston | \$4 | 00 |
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| June 3. | Boat, Boston to New York | 4 | 00 |
| June 16. | Carriage, New York to High Bridge with two officers, and | l | |
| | expenses | 17 | 00 |
| June 22. | Railroad fare to Sing Sing Prison and return | 2 | 4 0 |
| " | Boat, New York to Boston | 4 | 00 |
| June 24. | Boat, Boston to New York | 4 | 00 |
| June 28. | Railroad fare, New York to Warsaw | 8 | 25 |
| June 30. | Railroad fare, Warsaw to New York | 8 | 25 |
| July 7. To | carriage in New York | 4 | 00 |
| July 8. | Telegram, New York to Warsaw and return | 1 | 75 |
| July 10. | Fare, New York to Staten Island and return | 2 | 00 |
| July 16. | Railroad fare, New York to Deep River, Conn., and return | 9 | 60 |
| July 18. | Railroad fare, New York to Boston, for two | 16 | 00 |
| July 19. | Railroad fare, Boston to Concord State Prison, for two | 1 | 40 |
| " | Railroad fare, Concord to Boston, for two | 1 | 40 |
| July 20. | Boat, Boston to New York, for two | 7 | 00 |
| July 27. | Boat, New York to Boston | 4 | 00 |
| July 28. | Cash paid boy for assistance from March 25 to July 28, a \$1.00 | | |
| | per day | 116 | 00 |
| To rooms to | watch from, from March 25 to July 28 | 110 | 00 |
| Meals for | r boy and two officers from March 25 to July 28 | 231 | 75 |
| Hotel bil | l from February 28 to July 28 | 503 | 24 |
| Horse cars and incidental expenses from February 28 to July 28 | | 75 | 00 |
| Services 146 days, a \$10 1, | | 1,460 | 00 |
| | | 2,891 | 14 |
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I, Edmund D. Wiggin of Boston, County of Suffolk, Mass., do certify and say, that the items in the above bill are the actual expenses paid by me as agent of said State in the investigation of the murder of J. W. Barron, and I was engaged in service one hundred and forty-six days, as above charged, and that said charges are all reasonable and just.

Edmund D. Wiggin.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Suffolk ss., July 29, 1878.

Personally appeared the above named Edmund D. Wiggin, to me personally known, and made oath that the above statement, by him subscribed, is just and true.

Before me,

WILLIAM W. DOHERTY, Justice of the Peace.

1878. State of Maine to E. D. Wiggin, Dr.

To services rendered and cash expended in the investigation of the murder of J. W. Barron, late Treasurer of the Dexter Savings Bank :

| July 29. | To boat, Boston to New York | \$4 | 00 |
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| July 30. | Carriage in New York | 1 | 50 |
| " | Railroad, New York to Wilmington, Del | 3 | 10 |
| July 31. | Railroad, Wilmington to Newcastle | | 25 |
| " | Telegram, Wilmington to Dover | | 50 |
| " | Railroad, Newcastle to Dover | 1 | 45 |
| " | Carriage | 1 | 00 |
| " | Railroad, Dover to Wilmington | 1 | 70 |
| Aug. 1. | To Railroad, Wilmingtor to Philadelphia | | 65 |
| "" | Copies of record in Hope case | 5 | 00 |
| Aug. 2. | Railroad, Philadelphia to Norristown and return | | 90 |
| Aug. 3. | Railroad, Philadelphia to New York | 2 | 50 |
| Aug. 5. | Railroad, New York to Boston, (via Troy) | 8 | 50 |
| " | Cash paid boy for services, 8 days | 8 | 00 |
| " | Meals for boy and officers in N. Y | 12 | 00 |
| " | Room to watch from, to date | 6 | 00 |
| Aug. 12. | Railroad, Boston to Bangor, S. C | 9 | 00 |
| Aug. 13. | Carriage in Bangor | | 25 |
| Aug. 15. | Railroad, Bangor to Dexter and Fairfield | 3 | 25 |
| " | Carriage in Bangor | | 25 |
| Aug. 16. | Railroad, Fairfield to Skowhegan | | 65 |
| " | Team, Skowhegan to Anson and Embden and return | 3 | 50 |
| " | Railroad, Skowhegan to Fairfield | | 65 |
| Aug. 18. | Railroad, Benton to Bangor | 2 | 50 |
| Aug. 30. | Railroad, Bangor to Beston | 7 | 00 |
| " | Hotel bills and sundry expenses for 22 days | 57 | 00 |
| " | Services, 22 days, at \$10 | 220 | 00 |
| | | \$361 | 05 |

I, E. D. Wiggin of Boston, County of Suffolk, Mass., do certify and say that the items in the within bill are the actual expenses paid by me as special officer of said State, and I was engaged in service twenty-two days, as within charged, and that said charges are reasonable and just.

E. D. WIGGIN.

EDMUND D. WIGGIN.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Suffolk ss., Sept. 9, 1878.

Personally appeared the above named E. D. Wiggin, and made oath that the above statement by him subscribed is true.

Before me, WILLIAM W. DOHERTY. Justice of the Peace for said County.

1878. State of Maine to E. D. Wiggin. Dr.

To services and actual expenses as agent of said State, in the pursuit, arrest and conveyance of James Watson alias Hope, a fugitive from justice from said State, arrested in the State of Connecticut, and brought to Maine.

| March 16. | To railroad fare, Dexter to Augusta, Me., Deep River and Hart- | | |
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| | ford, Conn | \$14 | 75 |
| " " | Carriage in Augusta | 2 | 00 |
| March 17. | Carriage, Boston to Newton | 6 | 00 |
| March 19. | Railroad fare, Hartford to Deep River and Dexter, for three | 38 | 20 |
| March 20. | Carriage in Boston | 2 | 50 |
| March 21. | Carriage in Boston | 1 | 50 |
| "" | Cash paid detective Cowles of Hartford, for assistance, rail- | | |
| | road, Dexter to Hartford, Conn., hotel bill and four days' service | 40 | 00 |
| "' | Hotel bill six days, and meals for prisoner and assistant | 18 | 25 |
| " | Six days' service, a \$10 | 60 | 00 |
| | | \$183 | 20 |

I, E. D. Wiggin of Boston, County of Suffolk, Mass., do certify and say that the items in the above bill are the actual expenses paid by me as agent of said State, in arresting and bringing said Hope to the said State, and I was engaged in service six days as above charged, and that said charges are all reasonable and just.

E. D. WIGGIN.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Suffolk ss., July 29, 1878.

Personally appeared the above named E. D. Wiggin, to me personally known, and made oath that the above statement by him subscribed is true and just.

Before me,

WILLIAM W. DOHERTY, Justice of the Peace.

HOUSE-No. 142

STATE OF MAINE.

By Selden Connor, Governor of the State of Maine, to Edmund D. Wiggin of Boston, in the County of Suffolk, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Greeting.

Whereas, Application has been made by me to the supreme executive authority of the State of Connecticut, for the delivery of James Watson alias James Hope, alias Jimmy Hope, charged with the crime of breaking and entering with intent to commit larceny, a fugitive from the justice of this State, and supposed to be within the limits of the State of Connecticut, I do hereby, by virtue of the authority in me vested, appoint you, the said Edmund D. Wiggin, Agent, to receive the said James Watson alias James Hope, alias Jimmy Hope, from the Executive of said State of Connecticut, and him to bring within this State, that he may be dealt with as to law and justice may appertain.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the seal of this State to be hereunto affixed, at Augusta, this sixteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, and in the one hundred and second year of the Independence of the United States of America.

By the Governor.

[L. S.] Selden Connor.

S. J. Chadbourne, Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of Edmund D. Wiggin.

Resolved, That the treasurer of the state is author-2 ized and directed to pay the sum of three thousand, 3 three hundred and sixty dollars and thirty-nine 4 cents, to Edmund D. Wiggin of Boston, for ser-5 vices rendered and expenses incurred by him, in 6 the investigation to discover the perpetrators of 7 the murder of J. Wilson Barron, or such portion 8 of the above mentioned sum as shall be approved 9 and allowed by the governor and council on their 10 investigation of the accounts of said Wiggin.

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STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, February 17, 1879.

Reported from the Committee on Claims, by Mr. FOX of Portland, with accompanying Resolve, and report and resolve ordered printed.

B. L. STAPLES, Clerk.