

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

No. 8.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of the town of Machias.

Resolved, That there be paid by the treasurer of
2 state, out of the school funds of the current year,
3 to the town of Machias, the sum of two hundred
4 ninety-eight dollars and two cents, it being a bal-
5 ance in equity due said town as its proportion of
6 the school funds for the year eighteen hundred and
7 seventy-nine.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

In July last, the treasurer of Machias received notice from the State treasurer that our proportionate part of the State school fund for the year 1879 was \$1,042.69. This amount being so much less than for the last year, or the year before that, I immediately wrote to the State Superintendent, asking the reason for the great reduction. He said, that in my return of scholars, I gave in one place 698, and in another place in the same return I gave 898, and that he apportioned our money upon the basis at 698 scholars, instead of 898, which is the true number. In other words, for 1879 we get money for 698 scholars, while we are entitled to money for 898, which is less than our just portion by \$298.02.

In 1877 our portion was	\$1,558.78,	
1878 " " "	\$1,426.74,	\$1,340.71
1879 " " "	\$1,340.71, but we rec'd only	\$1,042.69
Making balance due us for 1879		\$298.02

HENRY H. SMITH,
Supervisor of Schools of Machias.

STATE OF MAINE.

Educational Department, Augusta, }
January 23, 1880. }

The school money apportioned to the town of Machias from the State, July, 1879, was based upon the return of 698 scholars to the State Treasurer. From a careful examination, I have no doubt but a clerical error was made by the Supervisor of Machias, and 898 should have been returned instead of 698.

E. S. MORRIS, State Supt. of Schools.

STATE OF MAINE.

In SENATE, February 4, 1880.

Reported by Mr. SMITH, from the Committee on Education,
and laid on the table to be printed under the Joint Rule.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary.*