

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Fourth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 44.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of Jason Ware of Montville.

Resolved, That there be paid out of the treasury
2 of the State to Jason Ware of Montville the sum
3 of eight dollars per month as a military pension
4 till such time as he shall receive a government pen-
5 sion, commencing January 1st, 1889.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

MATTER OF JASON WARE, OF MONTVILLE.

Ware was a member of Company A, Seventh Maine Regiment; a poor man, having no property till the death of his wife in the fall of 1888. Said wife owned a small farm, worth, perhaps, three hundred dollars. There are some demands against the estate.

There are three children; one boy 17, one 14, and one little girl 2 years of age. He lives in a sparsely settled district, where he can have no opportunities to procure labor for his boys, and no income whatever outside of the farm above mentioned. Jason Ware was wounded at the battle of the Wilderness, May 5, 1864, by the explosion of a shell, which wounded him in his head and face, in five different places; also in his right eye, which has made said eye blind; also, he has a ball in his right hip at this date. Ware has filed a claim for pension in the United States Pension Office, which has been pending for twenty years, and by some mistake in the Surgeon General's records, they do not show Ware wounded as he claims, although there has been filed eleven straightforward affidavits in said claim stating that Ware was wounded as he claims, and these parties were present at said battle. There have been petitions forwarded to the Commissioners signed by at least one hundred reliable persons of Montville and Liberty stating Ware's condition when he came home on sick leave furlough, in the summer of 1864, that he was wounded in his head, face, eye and hip, and Dr. A. J. Billings, late surgeon of the Nineteenth Maine Regiment, dressed his wounds at said date and extended his furlough, Ware not being able to return. Said Billings has so stated under oath to the Department of Pensions. Petitions have been circulated by and in the G. A. R. Post, and every member present signing, praying that Ware be granted a pension which he so well deserves, but as

yet his claim has not been allowed. Jason Ware was so badly injured by said wound at the time, that he has no present knowledge as to what happened to him till he found himself in Campbell General Hospital in Washington, D. C., some three weeks afterwards. His faculties were injured so that he has never been able to do business since or labor but a very little. His wife, who has recently passed away, has been obliged to leave her home winters and go away to labor in factories to support the family. The time is not far distant when Ware will be obliged to receive aid from the town, Post No. 45, G. A. R., having rendered aid already.

L. C. MORSE, Liberty, Maine.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
January 25, 1889. } 5739 }

Reported from Committee on Pensions by Mr. MORSE of Liberty;
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NICHOLAS FESSENDEN, } *Clerk.*