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Sixty-Fourth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 172.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of Samuel Goodwin of Winthrop.

Resolved, That there be paid to Samuel Goodwin
2 of Winthrop a pension of six dollars per month,
3 commencing on the first day of January, in the
4 year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and
5 eighty-nine.



STATEMENT OF FACTS.

Samuel Goodwin, herein named, has resided in the county of Kennebec, State of Maine, since the war. He served in the signal corps, and of the 1800 in the signal corps was the oldest enlisted man in it, so said General Auger. He resided in Maine from the time he was three or four years of age till about 1860, when he went to Boston and was appointed on the police force, and enlisted and served on the quota of Massachusetts, enlisting in April, 1864, and served until the close of the war. He is 67 years of age. He has no property, real or personal, having lost all he had by indorsing for a son-in-law. He receives a United States pension of \$10 per month for heart disease and resulting rheumatism. His hands are all curled up with rheumatism so that he can do no labor. He has no relatives who can help him. He has an invalid wife requiring his constant care. His rent costs him \$5 per month and his fuel \$4, leaving but \$1 per month of his United States pension to subsist on. The G. A. R. and Ladies' Relief Corps have aided them, but the calls of this kind are so numerous that it cannot be done to such an extent as in the past, and unless he is helped he must come upon the town. The Statutes of this State will not give him any State pension, and he cannot get one from Massachusetts. He was a faithful soldier, as his discharge shows, being indorsed, "*good, faithful, trustworthy.*"

No stronger case could be well made out in the behalf of an old soldier calling for aid from the State.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 15, 1889. }

Reported from Committee on Pensions by Mr. SHEAHAN of Dennysville; ordered printed under joint rule.

NICHOLAS FESSENDEN, *Clerk.*