

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Sixty-Seventh Legislature.

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SENATE.

No. 124.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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RESOLVE in favor of the town of Newport.

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*Resolved,* That there be paid to the inhabitants of the  
2 town of Newport the sum of four hundred and six dollars  
3 and eighty-seven cents ; it being for excess of taxes paid to  
4 the state by said town in the years 1893 and 1894, by rea-  
5 son of a clerical error in the state valuation of said town  
6 for said years.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The Honorable Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled :

We, the undersigned, the present assessors of the town of Newport, in behalf of a resolve now pending before your honorable body in favor of said town for re-imbursement by reason of an excess in state taxes paid by said town for the years 1893 and 1894, wish to give the following statement of facts :

The assessors of said town for the year 1892-3, in their return to the state assessors for that year, gave the total valuation of said town as \$478,143. This amount included certain industries in said town valued at \$77,500, the taxes of which said town had voted to abate for ten years. The said town assessors in filling said return to the state assessors, as therein provided in a blank for that purpose, gave the property in town exempted from taxation, viz. \$77,500, without any explanation or statement whatever that said sum of \$77,500 was already included in the total valuation of said town, as given in said return.

The state assessors, when they assessed the tax against said town for the years 1893 and 1894, added the exempted property as given in this return to the total valuation as given in said return and assessed the tax on that basis.

In consequence of this error the said sum of \$77,500 was doubled in the state valuation and said town has been taxed and has paid for the years 1893 and 1894 excessive taxes to the extent of this error, which amounts, as ascertained in the state assessors' office to the sum of four hundred and six dollars and eighty-seven cents, the reimbursement asked for in said resolve.

J. B. MARSH,

W. A. LEWIS,

H. H. SIMPSON,

Assessors of the town of Newport.

AUGUSTA, February 15, 1895.

The board of state assessors having examined the statement of facts of the assessors of the town of Newport relative to excessive valuation in 1892, by reason of error of local assessors, as exhibited by their valuation books, certify the same to be correct.

HALL C. BURLEIGH,  
OTIS HAYFORD,  
GEORGE POTTLE,  
Board of State Assessors.

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE, February 20, 1895.

Reported by Mr. DAY, from Committee on Financial Affairs, and  
laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

KENDALL M.<sup>s</sup> DUNBAR, *Secretary*.