

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

Sixty-Ninth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 286.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of Francis Keefe, in part payment of witness',
magistrates' and officers' fees and disbursements made by him in
the Kittery and Eliot contested election case.

Resolved, That the sum of three hundred and sixty-one dollars
2 is hereby appropriated and that the state treasurer be and is
3 hereby authorized and directed to pay said sum of three hundred
4 and sixty-one dollars to Francis Keefe, the sitting member for wit-
5 ness', magistrates' and officers' fees and disbursements made by
6 him in contesting his seat in the House of Representatives. in the
7 contested election case of Kittery and Eliot.



STATEMENT OF FACTS.

Francis Keefe, the contestant and sitting member from the towns of Kittery and Eliot, was informed after the election on September twelfth, 1898, that irregularities had been practiced in the count of the votes for representative in the town of Kittery. Being refused an inspection of the ballots, in the custody of the clerk of the town of Kittery, he was obliged to resort to the courts, and on due process and hearing, was granted the right to inspect the ballots. The town clerk of Kittery thereupon took exceptions thereto and carried the case to the law court where a final decision was rendered in favor of Mr. Keefe, giving him full authority to examine the ballots in the town of Kittery. On inspection of the ballots, he found that an irregular and illegal count of the votes for representative had been made, whereby the certificate of election was given to Thomas F. Staples.

On due hearing of the case before the Committee on Elections, the committee reported unanimously that his prayer to be seated as the legally elected representative from Kittery and Eliot should be granted, and the House sustained the report of the committee.

To secure his seat to which he was legally elected, Mr. Keefe was obliged to pay out for witness', magistrates' and officers' fees and for counsel fees, the sum of seven hundred and thirty-four dollars and forty-two cents in addition to his own personal expenses.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, March 8, 1899.

Reported by Mr. POWERS of Fort Fairfield, from Committee on Financial Affairs, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*