

Seventy-first Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 235

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE waiving a forfeiture of the public lot in the southeast quarter of Township Number Four, Hancock county, north division.

Resolved, That the forfeitures of the rights to the timber 2 and grass on the public lot in the southeast quarter of 3 Township Number Four, Hancock county, north division, 4 for alleged non-payment of taxes, are hereby waived and 5 the owners thereof of record are restored to their rights 6 therein as fully as if record of said forfeiture had not been 7 made. Due record of this waiver shall be made in the 8 offices of the state treasurer, the land agent and the 9 board of state assessors.

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STATEMENT OF FACTS.

Ladwick Holway and others held by deed in the usual form the right to the timber and grass on the public lot in the southeast quarter of Township Number Four, Hancock county, north division, with other lands in the south half of the town. Mr. Holway during his lifetime was the agent for his fellow owners in managing the joint lands and paying the taxes. Since his death the lands have been managed by his son L. O'B. Holway, who until this winter believed in good faith that the tax upon the public lot had been paid. An examination of the records of the state treasurer shows that Mr. Holway in paying his taxes included in his acreage the holdings in the public lot, but as his payment was general and no request made by him for apportionment the treasury credited his payments to the town in accordance with its usual and necessary practice. It now appears that the tax has in this manner been in fact paid on the public lot and the record of the forfeiture was therefore made under mistake. The state treasurer authorizes us to say that he recommends the passage of the accompanying resolve.

> LEWIS O'B. HOLWAY, MACHIAS LUMBER COMPANY, GERTRUDE HOLWAY, ANNIE M. CURTIS, C. L. HATHAWAY,

By H. M. HEATH, their attorney. Above statement approved,

ORAMANDAL SMITH, Treasurer of State.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUSTA, March 3, 1903.

Reported by Mr. DAVIDSON of Hammond Pl., from Committee on Taxation, and ordered printed under joint rules.

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W. S. COTTON, Clerk.