

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Seventy-first Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 331

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of the town of Island Falls.

Resolved, That the State treasurer is hereby authorized and
2 directed to pay to the town of Island Falls the sum of one
3 hundred and fifteen dollars and fifty cents, it being an abate-
4 ment, in part, for taxes assessed by the State against the town
5 of Island Falls for the years eighteen hundred and ninety-
6 nine and nineteen hundred.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The selectmen's return from the town of Island Falls to the State assessors for the year 1898, on which the valuation was made up which was made a basis for the assessment of the State tax for the years 1899 and 1900, gave the valuation of the Hunt tannery and machinery at \$20,000, and the valuation of bark at \$33,000. The town assessors made up their local tax assessment on the same basis but Mr. Hunt refused payment and appealed to the county commissioners of Aroostook county. After a careful consideration of the matter the county commissioners reduced the valuation \$21,000, making a reduction of \$10,000 on the tannery and machinery and \$11,000 on the bark. The State tax assessed for the two years named against Island Falls amounts to \$115.50 in excess of what it would be on the valuation as fixed by the county commissioners, on which basis the local assessment has to be made, and as the town can collect no tax, either local or for the State, on the \$21,000 reduction the sum of \$115.50 is equitably due to the town of Island Falls from the State.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUSTA, March 12, 1908.

Reported by Mr. SEWALL of Bath, from Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*