

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Seventy-first Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 446

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE abating a part of the State tax of the town of Bowdoinham for the years 1903 and 1904.

Resolve, That, on account of the destruction of property by
2 fire in Bowdoinham, December 14, 1902, such a proportion
3 of the State tax of said town for each of the years 1903 and
4 1904 as the sum of twenty thousand dollars bears to the entire
5 assessed valuation for said town, be and is hereby abated.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

On December 14, A. D. 1902, fire at Bowdoinham village destroyed fifteen stores, shops and dwellings valued at more than fifteen thousand dollars, merchandise of the value of seventy-five hundred dollars and furniture and fixtures to the value of four thousand dollars. The total insurance on real estate was but about four thousand dollars and that on stock etc., fifteen hundred dollars. The lots in the burned district are of small value now that the buildings are removed, a conservative estimate would be one thousand dollars for the whole area. As business conditions in the town are such that there is nothing to stimulate further growth, a reduction on our State tax for the next two years of such a sum as \$20,000 would yield, seems to me to be just and right and I therefore ask that the same be granted by a resolve of the honorable legislature.

Respectfully,

LEWIS M. FULTON.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUSTA, March 18, 1903.

Reported by Mr. FARNSWORTH of Pembroke, from Committee on
Taxation, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*