

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Seventy-first Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 497

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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RESOLVE in favor of the city of Eastport.

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*Resolved,* That the sum of one thousand three hundred and  
2 fifteen dollars and forty cents be and hereby is appropriated  
3 from the treasury to be paid to the city of Eastport to reim-  
4 burse said city for amount expended in the support and main-  
5 tenance of one George Ketchell, an insane patient, properly  
6 a charge upon the State. The same to be paid when said  
7 claim shall be allowed by the governor and council.



## STATEMENT OF FACTS.

One George Ketchell, a native and resident of New York City and state, having no legal settlement in the State of Maine, was found in the town of Eastport and on the complaint of Noel B. Nutt, a justice of the peace, was upon proper hearing adjudged to be an insane person and ordered by the selectmen of said Eastport to be committed to the insane hospital at Augusta.

Upon said order said Ketchell was committed to said hospital, September 19, 1891, where he remained a charge upon the town, now city, of Eastport, until the date of his death, July 24, 1900.

The expense of committing said Ketchell and money expended in his care and support by said city amounted in all to the sum of thirteen hundred and fifteen dollars and forty cents.

The city of Eastport prays that it may be reimbursed from the State treasury the said amount so expended, in accordance with the provisions of section twenty-one of chapter one hundred and forty-three of the Revised Statutes. When said claim was presented to the governor and council they had no appropriation available from which they could pay this claim, the appropriation for insane State beneficiary being no more than sufficient to meet the current expenses chargeable thereto. Hence the claim was referred to the legislature for their action. The purpose of the foregoing resolve is to make an appropriation from which the governor and council shall refund to said town such sum, if any, as they find upon investigation it is entitled to for such expenses.

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
AUGUSTA, March 20, 1903.

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

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*