

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 116

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of Moose River Plantation, County of
Somerset.

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred and twenty-six dol-
2 lars and eighty-four cents be paid to Moose River Plantation
3 to reimburse the inhabitants of said Moose River for money
4 paid out to build a pest house for the use of the State.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The only means of communication existing between the State of Maine and the Province of Quebec, in the northwestern part of the State, is by the highway that runs from Bingham through Jackman and Moose River to Quebec, and by the Canadian Pacific Railway that has its principal station in that part of the State at Jackman.

In October, 1902, the small pox broke out in various lumber camps scattered all through the great forests in that region and there were two cases at the plantation of Moose River.

The little plantations of Jackman and Moose River are the center of that large section of the State.

The State Board of Health ordered the Moose River and Jackman people to build a pest house at Moose River, which was done by the two plantations with the understanding that it was for the benefit of the State and was to be paid for by the State. The cost of the same was \$380.52. After the same was built, Dr. Young, the secretary of the Board of Health, notified the people there that, on account of the large expenses incident to contagious diseases, the State could only pay one-third of the expense.

The State Board of Health has used this pest house for the benefit of that whole community. Patients have been brought there for miles around. There is no decent reason that can be given why these two poor plantations, located miles away from the settled parts of the State and situated in the heart of the lumbering region, should be required to pay each as much as the State for the protection of that country from contagious diseases, and no decent reason can be urged why the State should not reimburse these plantations for what they have put into that pest house.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Augusta, February 10, 1905.

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E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*