

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 319

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of the Penobscot Tribe of Indians.

Resolved, That there be paid from the State treasury, to
2 be expended under the direction of the governor and council,
3 by the agent of the Penobscot Tribe of Indians, for the
4 benefit of said tribe for the years nineteen hundred and nine
5 and nineteen hundred and ten, as follows:

Interest on Tribe's fund, each year, fifty-three hundred
7 fifty-three dollars and seventy cents; agricultural purposes,
8 each year, eight hundred fifty dollars; annuity, each year,
9 seventeen hundred dollars; bounty on crops, each year, four
10 hundred dollars; salary of teachers, each year, one thou-
11 sand dollars; incidental expenses for the schools and public
12 buildings, each year, five hundred dollars; salary of agent
13 of tribe, each year, four hundred dollars; salary of governor

14 of tribe, each year, fifty dollars; constable for police pur-
15 poses, each year, two hundred dollars; Roman Catholic
16 priest, each year, two hundred dollars; superintendent of
17 farming, each year, fifty dollars; for outstanding bills, fif-
18 teen hundred dollars, to be taken from the Ind. Int. Fund;
19 for the erection and completion of a home for the teachers,
20 five thousand dollars; for medicine and medical attendance
21 upon the members of said tribe, each year, one thousand
22 dollars; for shore rentals, each year, twenty-five hundred
23 seventy-two dollars and fifty cents, and that fifteen per cent
24 of said shore rentals be appropriated and allowed for the
25 use of municipal purposes.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

This resolve calls for practically the same amount of money as has been appropriated in years past for the Indians. According to researches recently made in the auditors' department of the State of Maine, there is a fund of sixteen thousand nine hundred dollars that should be credited and be a part of the Indian interest fund. Thus that increases the interest account from last year, and the Indian agent feels that fifteen hundred dollars of this sum of sixteen thousand nine hundred dollars should be used to pay outstanding indebtedness and the balance added to the trust fund. The trust fund of the Indians consists of money received from lands sold many years ago for a small sum of money, which lands if kept until comparatively recently would have been worth several million dollars.

The buildings where the school teachers live on the island is an old delapidated affair, built almost wholly by the Indians themselves, and is entirely unfit for habitation. It is such an old building that repairing is out of the question, and it is the idea of the people interested that it should be moved to an adjacent lot and a new dwelling erected for the use of the teachers, and the old building used as a detention hospital, or to keep the Indians when in need of care and nursing. It seems that if a new building must be built that a good, substantial brick building, and practically fire-proof, would be what was demanded at this time.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, Feb. 25, 1909.

Reported by Mr. LAMBERT from Committee on Indian
Affairs and ordered printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*