

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 338

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of the town of Tremont, in Hancock
County.

Resolved, That the sum of four hundred forty-five dollars
2 and forty-four cents be and hereby is appropriated to be
3 paid to the town of Tremont, Hancock county, to reim-
4 burse said town for amount expended for support of Nora
5 E. Dawes, a State pauper.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

Nora E. Dawes is a lifelong invalid. She has no pauper settlement in the State. She was born on Long Island, an unincorporated place having a population of less than two hundred, and a valuation of less than one hundred thousand dollars. Her parents had for many years resided on Long Island. In 1899 she was brought by her mother into the town of Tremont, in Hancock county. Her mother died soon after, leaving her destitute and in distress. She applied for relief to the overseers of the poor of said town of Tremont, who supplied her with necessaries from time to time from 1900 to 1905 inclusive, amounting in the whole to four hundred forty-five dollars and forty-four cents.

She thus became a State pauper, and the town was entitled to reimbursement from the State. An application for reimbursement was made to the Governor and Council in 1906, the facts above set forth were shown, and the status of Nora E. Dawes as a State pauper was recognized. From 1906 to date, the bills for her support have been paid by the State.

But the Council declined to pay the claim amounting to four hundred forty-five dollars and forty-four cents, accruing before 1906, for the reason that there was no appropriation available to pay claims accruing before that year. The chairman of the Committee on State Beneficiaries, on June 19, 1907, wrote to the chairman of selectmen of the town, declining to make reimbursement for want of an appropriation for the purpose, but said: "I would respectfully suggest that you take up the matter with your representative at the next legislature, and ask to be reimbursed, which can be done by special act."

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, Feb. 26, 1909.

Reported by Mr. PACKARD from Committee on Claims
and ordered printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*