

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE.

No. 342

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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RESOLVE, in payment of Claims of Gilbert M. Elliott and  
Lincoln H. Colby.

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*Resolved,* That the sum of twenty-five dollars be paid to  
2 Gilbert M. Elliott, M. D., and the sum of sixteen dollars and  
3 thirty cents to Lincoln H. Colby in payment of their claims  
4 for expenses incurred in care of persons chargeable to the  
5 State.



## STATEMENT OF FACT

In October, 1907, a shooting affray occurred at the Maine Central Station at Brunswick in which two persons were shot, their assailant making his escape. Lincoln H. Colby, the Chief of Police of Brunswick, took the two wounded men in custody, to hold them as witnesses, and being in need of surgical and medical assistance he called upon Gilbert M. Elliott, a practising physician of Brunswick, to assist him in caring for them. The injured men were taken to the Maine General Hospital at Portland, where they were orally examined, and from their statements it appeared that they had no residence or legal settlement within the State of Maine. No evidence was obtained from them as to the identity of the person committing the assault and they were later discharged by direction of the Sheriff. No affidavits or other written statements were obtained from them because of the belief of the officer and surgeon in charge that the expenses of conveying them to the hospital and medical and surgical attendance would be paid from the county treasury, as in the case of prisoners committed to jail.

The County Commissioners of Cumberland County have refused to pay the claims presented in this connection on the ground that there is no authority of law for the payment of such claims by the county, the parties not having been arrested by any process of law or for the commission of any crime.

The accompanying resolve is for the payment of the claims of Officer Colby for fees and expenses in conveying the parties to Portland and for the medical and surgical services rendered by Dr. Elliott.

STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, Feb. 26, 1909.

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

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*