

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 587

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE, in favor of Jere Rhoades.

Resolved, That there be appropriated and paid to Jere
2 Rhoades the sum of four hundred dollars to compensate him
3 for expense for surgical aid, medicine, nursing and care by
4 reason of gunshot wounds received by him while searching
5 for and assisting to re-capture the escaped convict Francis in
6 the year nineteen hundred and five at Camden, and such oth-
7 er sum as may be deemed reasonable.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

On the 12th day of November, 1906, a colored convict named Minot St. Clair Francis escaped from the State prison at Thomaston. He had the reputation of being an exceptionally vicious criminal and the officials of the institution at once made extraordinary efforts to effect his recapture. The negro made his appearance in Camden, where he terrorized the community by breaking and entering several dwellings and the Warden of the Prison arranged to employ men of the surrounding towns to assist officers in their work. The men so employed were armed and while the pursuit was in progress, the claimant, who had been stationed at the residence of Dr. Forcheimer, at Lily Pond, near Camden, was mistaken for the convict by one of the searchers, Charles Dyer, of Thomaston. Dyer immediately fired at the claimant, severely wounding him. As a result of his injuries the claimant is permanently crippled and his general health has become greatly impaired. He has necessarily been to great expense and being a laborer by occupation his injuries have greatly affected his earning capacity and he and his family have been in great distress thereby. His assailant is financially irresponsible and his remedy against him is therefore valueless.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, March 12, 1909.

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E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*