

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 645

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of De Forrest Keyes.

Resolved, That the State Treasurer be and hereby is authorized and directed to pay to De Forrest Keyes from any 2 moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated the sum 3 of eighteen thousand one hundred and sixty-six dollars and 4 three cents, being the amount paid to the State by said 5 Keyes in the years nineteen hundred and two and nineteen 6 hundred and three for defective conveyances of the interest 7 of the State in lands alleged to have been forfeited for non- 8 payment of taxes; provided, that said Keyes shall execute 9 to the State Land Agent for and on behalf of the inhabitants 10 of this State a deed of release of all his right, title and in- 11 terest acquired by said conveyances, and also of all claims 12 and demands against the State arising from said transac- 13 tions. 14



STATEMENT OF FACTS.

De Forrest Keyes, in September, 1902, and the year following, bid in a large amount of tax titles on wild lands in this State which had been advertised for sale by the State Treasurer pursuant to the provisions of the law as it then existed. The State Treasurer issued and delivered to Mr. Keyes deeds of conveyance of the State's right, title and interest in the lands in question. As a matter of fact the deeds conveyed no title to him whatever, the descriptions being so indefinite that no land could possibly be located under them—a defect which our supreme court had repeatedly theretofore held rendered the deeds absolutely void.

The amount paid by Mr. Keyes in 1902 and 1903, including amounts paid for deeds, but less the amount received by him for redemptions, was eighteen thousand one hundred and sixty-six dollars and three cents.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, March 16, 1909.

Reported by Messrs. HASTINGS, LOONEY, BAXTER,
PETERS, HERSEY, ANDREWS and BURLEIGH from
Committee on Judiciary and ordered printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*