

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 57

House of Representatives, Jan. 31, 1911.

Introduced by Mr. Kelliher of Portland, who moved its reference to the Committee on Judiciary. By Mr. Bogue of East Machias tabled for printing pending reference to a committee.

C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

RESOLVE in favor of DeForest Keyes.

Resolved, That the State Treasurer be and hereby is authorized and directed to pay to DeForest Keyes the sum of \$23,357.45, which said sum is made up of \$17,695.04, paid to the State by said Keyes for worthless tax titles in the year, 1902, and interest thereon at the rate of 4% for eight years, amounting to \$5,662.41.

Also the sum of \$602.86, which sum is made up of \$470.99, paid to the State by said Keyes for worthless tax titles in the year 1903, with interest thereon at 4% for seven years amounting to \$131.87.

Also the sum of \$417.12, which said sum is made up of \$316 paid by said Keyes to the State for worthless tax title deeds for the years 1902 and 1903, with interest thereon at 4% for seven years, amounting to \$101.12.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

DeForest Keyes, in September of 1902 and the following year 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 supposed right, title and interest of the State in the land in question. As a matter of fact, the deeds conveyed no title to him, whatsoever, the descriptions being so indefinite that no land could possibly be located under them, a defect which our Supreme Court has repeatedly held, rendered the deeds absolutely void. Besides, in a great many instances, no land could be found which responded to the attempted descriptions in the deeds.

The amounts paid for worthless tax titles and interest thereon with the amount paid for worthless tax deeds with interest thereon, amounts to the aggregate sum of \$24,377.43.