

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# SEVENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 549

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STATEMENT OF FACTS ACCOMPANYING RESOLVE  
IN FAVOR OF TOWN OF STONEHAM. (SENATE  
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## STATE OF MAINE

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Alfred Cole, came to the town of Stoneham about 25 years ago, where he has since resided. He was born in Halifax, Nova Scotia, is now about 50 years of age, has never been naturalized, and is therefore an alien and state pauper.

In May 1905 he was committed to the Insane Asylum from which institute he was released Jan. 11, 1909, having been confined there three years and eight months at a total expense to the town of Stoneham of \$599.71.

Chap. 142 of the Public Laws of 1905 places the burden of the support of all alien paupers upon the State, as the supreme court of Maine has decided in a recent decision, *City of Watervill vs. City of Augusta*.

Said Cole is being supported in said town of Stoneham at present, and has been since his release from the Insane Asylum in January 1909, reimbursement for expenses so incurred having been made by the State through the Governor and Executive Council, *but no reimbursement has been made on account of bills accruing prior to 1909, since there was no appropriation provided, viz.—\$599.71.*

All affidavits in the case are on file in the office of the State auditor, having been presented to the Governor and Council, satisfying them completely of the justice of the claim.