

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE NO. 33 A

STATE OF MAINE

Statement of Facts accompanying Resolve in favor of the
Town of St. Agatha. (House Doc. No. 33)

This is a case where the town of St. Agatha took care of a pauper belonging to Winterville Plantation. Notices were duly served on the officers of the said Winterville Plantation according to the law, and a bill was sent to the State of Maine, but refused by the state auditor on the ground that Winterville is large enough to take care of its own paupers. The Revised Statutes of Maine, Chapter 27, Section 35, reads as follows: "Plantations having a population of two hundred or more, and a valuation of at least one hundred thousand dollars shall hereafter support their paupers therein in the same manner that towns now do, and the expenses thereof shall not be chargeable to the state."

At the time this bill was contracted the population of Winterville was one hundred and seventy-two and the valuation, according to the assessors' return, was fifty-one thousand four hundred and fourteen dollars (but the state assessors increased the valuation on wild lands in the said plantation to such an extent that the whole amount was \$110,400) providing the state assessors were right in their valuation, there is still the population to contend with and the state should have paid this bill.