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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 191

House of Representatives, Feb. 7, 1913.

Reported by Mr. Gordon from Committee on Claims and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

RESOLVE, in favor of the town of Stoneham.

Resolved: That the sum of five hundred and ninety-six
2 dollars and seventy-one cents (\$596.71) be and hereby is
3 appropriated to reimburse the town of Stoneham, in the
4 County of Oxford, for money paid out by said town for the
5 support of one Alfred Cole, while confined at the Insane
6 Hospital at Augusta. Said Cole being an alien and a State
7 pauper.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

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 \$596.71.

Chapter 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 Waterville 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 reimbursements has been made on account of bills accruing prior to 1909, since there was no appropriation provided, viz., \$596.71.

All affidavits in this 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.