

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 206

House of Representatives, Feb. 12, 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 Benjamin F. Towne of Waterville, in
the county of Kennebec and State of Maine.

Resolved, That there be paid to Benjamin F. Towne of
2 Waterville, in the county of Kennebec and State of Maine,
3 the sum of one hundred and seventy-three dollars and
4 fifty-seven cents (\$173.57) to reimburse him for expense
5 and cost in defending suit brought against him while acting
6 in his official capacity as a deputy enforcement commis-
7-sioner.

STATEMENT OF FACT.

Mr. Towne was a deputy enforcement commissioner, and in the discharge of his official duty, while serving a precept issued by a court of competent jurisdiction, was assaulted and obliged to resort to force in self-defense. He was made the object of a civil suit for damages and a small verdict was recovered against him for a technical assault. At the time of the trouble Mr. Towne was attacked by several persons at the same time and feared serious bodily harm. He felt that he was acting as any prudent man would act under all the circumstances, and while he may have been guilty of a technical assault, he was endeavoring to do his full duty as an officer of the law. He asks the legislature to reimburse him in the above named sum for costs and expenses sustained by him by reason of the civil suit.