

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 207

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 the town of Norway.

Resolved, That the sum of sixty-one dollars and seventy-
2 four cents be and hereby is appropriated for the purpose of
3 reimbursing the town of Norway for money paid out on
4 account of expenses of last sickness and burial of one E.
5 Holden Lansing, a wanderer and a State pauper.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

Dr. E. Holden Lansing came to Norway in Sept., 1912, as a traveling doctor, and after living in that town for about two weeks, he was found at his hotel in an unconscious condition, and as the physicians called to attend him were unable to furnish any relief or to revive him, the municipal officers of Norway sent him to the Central Maine General Hospital at Lewiston, where he died within a short time without re-gaining consciousness. On account of the fact of his unconscious condition from the time he was taken sick, to the moment of his death, it was impossible to get any statement or affidavit from him in regard to his settlement or other facts relating to his past life. It was afterwards found that he had made the statement prior to his illness that he had relatives living in the West, but the diligent inquiries of the municipal officers of Norway have been unavailing and no one has been found who could furnish any information as to his friends or relatives.

It has been found that this man has been accustomed for several years to travel from place to place within the State of Maine, as a traveling doctor abiding, however, only a few weeks or months in any one city or town, within the State, and therefore, not gaining any pauper settlement within the State of Maine.

The municipal officers of Norway presented their claim for re-imburement to the governor and council, in due season, after the death of the pauper, but the claim was rejected on the ground that it was not conclusively shown that the deceased had no pauper settlement within the State of Maine.