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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 344

House of Representatives, Feb. 26, 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 John M. Deering of Saco, Maine, as Secretary of the Maine Cattle Commission, the sum of \$90.80.

Resolved, That the sum of ninety dollars and eighty cents 2 be paid to John M. Deering of Saco, Maine, for services 3 and expenses as secretary of the Maine Cattle Commission

4 for the year nineteen hundred and ten.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

On the 17th day of April, 1911, the State Treasurer sent to me a check for \$36,000 to disburse for cattle condemned during the year 1910, consisting of some six hundred different claims, scattered all over the state.

On the first day of May, 1911, I met the Governor at Augusta, and told him that I had just received \$36,000 to disburse, and as my term of office expired on the 7th day of May, and as not but few vouchers had been returned, it would not give me time to clean up those claims.

The Governor told me to "hold the business down until you hear from me."

On the 12th day of May, I received a letter from the Governor, ordering the books of the Cattle Commissioners, sent in on the 17th, that is to say at the next meeting of the Governor and Council.

I could not send in the books, unless I had a record of the business to settle the claims by, so that in order to obey his orders, I was obliged to make a list of the whole two years' business, and I hired the business typewritten.

On the 17th of May, I went to Augusta and settled with the Governor and Council, by giving my check for \$562.23 for hides and offal during that last four months of the old Cattle Commission's business.

I made several visits to Augusta during the next few months, in order to settle with the Auditor, and after some six months, the business was closed up satisfactory to him, so far as I know.

Saco, Maine, June 1, 1911.

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