

# SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

# HOUSE

## NO. 21

In House of Representatives, Jan. 28, 1915. Ordered, That five hundred copies be printed, and that the same be referred to the Committee on Claims.

Committee on Reference.

Presented by Mr. McCarty of Lewiston.

### STATE OF MAINE

RESOLVE in Favor of Herbert L. Kimball.

*Resolved*, That the State Treasurer be and hereby is au-2 thorized and directed to pay to Herbert L. Kimball the 3 sum of \$251.51, which sum is made up as follows, to wit: 4 \$179.65 paid to the State by said Kimball for worthless tax 5 titles in the year 1904, and interest thereon at the rate of 4% 6 for ten years, amounting to \$71.86.

Also the sum of \$21.00, which said sum is made up as 8 follows, to wit: \$15.00 paid by said Kimball to the State 9 for worthless tax title deeds for the year 1904, with inter-10 est thereon at the rate of 4% for ten years, amounting to 11 \$6.00. • \*

#### STATEMENT OF FACTS.

Herbert L. Kimball, in September of 1904, bid in tax titles on wild lands in this State which had been advertised for sale by the State Treasurer as forfeited to the State by reason of non-payment of taxes. The State Treasurer issued and delivered to Mr. Kimball deeds of conveyance of the supposed right, title and interest of the State in the land in question.

As a matter of fact, the deeds conveyed no title to him whatsoever, the descriptions being so indefinite that no land could possibly be located under them, a defect which our Supreme Court has repeatedly held, rendered the deeds absolutely void. Besides, no land could be found which responded to the attempted descriptions in the deeds, and the deeds themselves were absolutely void in form

The amounts paid for worthless tax titles and interest thereon with the amount paid for worthless tax deeds with interest thereon, amounts to the aggregate sum of \$272.51.