

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 205

House of Representatives, February 20, 1919.

Reported by Mr. Ridlon from Committee on Military Affairs
and ordered printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Lewis of Lincoln.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND NINETEEN

RESOLVE Appropriating Money for the Care and Maintenance of Fort William Henry in the Town of Bristol.

Resolved: That there be and hereby is appropriated for
2 the care and maintenance of the memorial tower erected by
3 the state at Fort William Henry, and for the preservation
4 and improvement of the property of the state at said fort,
5 the sum of five hundred dollars for the year nineteen hun-
6 dred nineteen, and five hundred dollars for the year nine-
7 teen hundred twenty; said sums to be expended under the
8 direction of the commissioners of the state in charge of
9 said fort.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Being convinced that I am not receiving just and fair treatment from the state for the service rendered at ancient Pemaquid, for the past 30 years and for the expenditure of over \$2,000 of my own money for paintings, portraits, relics, etc., to fill the old castle there with material to make it instructive and interesting for all visitors of Maine as well as the thousands who visit us from other states, I will state briefly a few reasons for my convictions.

Several years ago I found I was not able to pay my board with the meagre salary allowed me by the commissioners in charge of Fort William Henry and after getting in debt over \$100 for board and room I was obliged to move to a cottage furnished by my brother, which I have occupied ever since, living like a hermit, doing my cooking and other housework and gathering my fuel from the drift wood of the harbor.

My present salary is \$300 a year, of which I have to pay \$100 to my assistants. Any reasonable person must be aware that \$200 is not sufficient to pay for board and clothing which it seems to me I am entitled. The advanced rate of all things within the past three years has prevented me from obtaining a new suit of clothing for several years. By leasing a small lot of land in close proximity to the castle I have been able to raise all the vegetables I required and by the assistance of my daughter have procured sufficient food thus far. When General Chamberlain was on the commission he with many others who appreciated what I had done for the historical interest of our state, and by inducing many wealthy people from Massachusetts and New York. Both states at one time were in control of Pemaquid and to their capital records is to be found more than 25 volumes containing history of ancient Pemaquid—who have purchased over \$100,000 worth of real estate within a radius of three miles of the old castle and an annual source of income to us. For this service many claim I should receive a salary of \$1000.

At the Longfellow Home at Portland I was informed by the custodian that he was allowed 6 assistants and was not required to pay either of them from his salary. Each year I

find my work increasing by the bad condition of the roof, and by the correspondence of people who seek to know of their ancestors who formerly resided here, or some other information which takes much time and I find is quite a tax for stationery, etc., in the course of the year.