

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 27

In Senate, Jan. 22, 1919.

Came from the House referred to the Committee on Education and on motion by Senator Tuttle of Aroostook and 500 copies ordered printed. Pending reference in concurrence.

P. F. CRANE, Secretary.

Presented by Mr. Storm of New Sweden.

STATE OF MAINE

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

RESOLVE, in favor of Westmanland Plantation for the payment of school funds forfeited by failure to file returns.

Resolved: that there be and hereby is appropriated in favor
2 of Westmanland Plantation out of the state school funds
3 for the year nineteen hundred nineteen the amount of one
4 hundred sixty-nine dollars and nine cents, said amount
5 having been forfeited by said plantation because of the
6 failure of the school officers of said plantation to file com-
7 plete returns as required by law of the number of persons
8 between the ages of five and twenty-one years of age
9 resident of said plantation on the first day of April 1918.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The state school mill fund is distributed wholly and the state common school fund partly on the basis of the number of persons between the ages of five and twenty-one years resident of the cities, towns and plantations of the state. This census of such persons must be made as of April first and must be filed with the state superintendent of public schools on or before July first of each year.

In the case of Westmanland Plantation the census list for 1918, in satisfactory form, was not received in the office of the state superintendent until after July first. The apportionment of funds was made therefore on the basis of the number reported for the preceding year, less ten per cent, as provided for by section 154 of chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes.

The census list as filed showed 34 names of persons of school age. The number as determined because of the delay in filing the return was 26. The plantation therefore forfeited the amount distributable on 8 names by reason of this delay.

Besides the above loss a further loss was entailed because of the failure to include in the census list the names of 32 persons of school age resident of the Blackstone Siding section of the plantation. This section of the plantation is remote and is not connected by road with the older section of the plantation. A number of families have recently made their homes there and a school has been established and equipped by the plantation.

It appears, therefore, that there were 40 persons of school age who resided in the plantation on April 1, 1918, who were not listed in making up the apportionment of state school funds.

The plantation received out of the school and mill fund and common school fund on the basis of 26 persons of school age,

\$243.45

Reckoning on the basis of the same amount distributed per person of school age, if the additional 40 names have been credited, the plantation would have received

\$412.54

The accompanying resolve is for the difference in these amounts, or

\$169.09