

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 137

In Senate, Feb. 28, 1919.

Reported by Mr. Googin from Committee on Claims and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

P. F. CRANE, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Baxter of Sagadahoc.

STATE OF MAINE

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

RESOLVE, to Reimburse the People's Ferry Company of Bath.

Resolved: That there be and hereby is appropriated four
2 thousand dollars for the People's Ferry Company at Bath,
3 Maine, that said company may receive the sum that was
4 given to said company by the last legislature.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The legislature of 1917 appropriated two thousand dollars for 1917 and two thousand dollars for 1918 for the People's Ferry Company of Bath, Maine. These two appropriations appear on pages 615 and 629 respectively of the laws of 1917. The legislature has given this money to the People's Ferry Company for many years for these reasons:

1. The People's Ferry Company operates a ferry between Bath and Woolwich which saves many miles of travel for persons going to and from Lincoln and Knox counties to the counties of Cumberland, Franklin, Oxford, York, Androscoggin and Sagadahoc.

2. The greater part of the traffic over the ferry does not concern the city of Bath or the town of Woolwich, but is through traffic from the counties mentioned above.

3. The money received by the People's Ferry Company from the state has always been used in operating the ferry after business hours. The traffic after business hours is almost all through traffic, and not traffic from Bath to Woolwich.

The legislature of 1917 made the appropriation as noted above, but through an error, there was no resolve accompanying the appropriation. The state auditor could not by law pay the money that the legislature intended to give. The People's Ferry Company was compelled, in order to pay its operating bills for 1917 and 1918, to take money from a small depreciation fund that it had on hand and was thus compelled to pay for a service rendered to the whole state.