

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 331

In House of Representatives, March 18, 1921.

Reported by Mr. Smith from Committee on Claims and ordered printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-ONE**

RESOLVE, in Favor of Dr. J. Willis J. Marion of Calais for Medical Services to Frank Frances, a Member of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians, now deceased.

Resolved: That there be and there hereby is appropriated
2 the sum of fifty-five dollars (\$55.00) to be paid J. Willis J.
3 Marion of Calais as compensation for services rendered to
4 Frank Frances, a member of the Passamaquoddy tribe of
5 Indians, now deceased.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Frank Frances, a member of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians suffered a severe acute abdominal pain on the twenty-second of December, 1919, while off the reservation. Dr. Marion was called and injected morphine to ease the pain. Later he was called again on account of a recurrence of the pain, and found the patient vomiting, with a rigid abdomen and poor pulse. Frances was taken to the hospital and Dr. Mason called in consultation and an immediate laparotomy was agreed upon and performed, the patient died under the anaesthetic and a medical, legal autopsy was performed by Dr. W. H. Bunker, Medical Examiner. The cause of death was found to be a rapid poison of some kind which was not determined.

The operation having been performed without the authority of the Indian Agent, payment of the bill was refused by him.