

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 35

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House of Representatives, Feb. 2, 1923.

Reported by Mr. Crafts from Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game and ordered printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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EMERGENCY RESOLVE, Offering a Reward for the Recovery of the Bodies of David F. Brown and Mertley E. Johnson, Game Wardens, who Disappeared in November, 1922, and for Testimony Leading to the Conviction of the Person or Persons Responsible for Their Death.

Whereas, search for the bodies of the missing wardens must be made as soon as the snow settles sufficiently in the territory where the wardens disappeared, and

Whereas, if the work along this line is delayed until ninety days after adjournment of the legislature effort to recover the bodies of the missing men may be futile, and

Whereas, the recovery of said bodies with a view of appre-

hending the parties responsible for the death of these wardens is immediately necessary in the interests of public peace, health and safety, and .

Whereas, the foregoing facts, in the judgment of this legislature, constitute an emergency, within the meaning of the constitution of this state, now therefore, be it

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Resolved that the sum of one thousand dollars be, and 2 hereby is, appropriated to be paid upon the order of the 3 governor and council, as a reward for the recovery of the 4 bodies of David F. Brown and Mertley E. Johnston, game 5 wardens, who disappeared about the middle of November, 7 nineteen hundred and twenty-two, under suspicious circum- 8 stances, and for testimony leading to the conviction of the 9 person or persons responsible for their death.

In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve shall take effect when approved.

### STATEMENT OF FACTS

These wardens, while on duty for the inland fish and game department in the great wilderness northwesterly of Moosehead lake disappeared about the middle of November, under such suspicious circumstances that there can be little doubt of their having been deliberately murdered by Canadian poachers then in that region.

The attorney general's department has offered \$1,500 for the recovery of the bodies, and testimony leading to the conviction of the person or persons responsible for their death, but this resolve carrying an emergency clause is introduced for the purpose of giving further incentive for search for the bodies of the missing men and testimony aforesaid.