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CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Relating to Bounty on Porcupines or Hedgehogs.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

A bounty of twenty-five cents for each and every porcu-2 pine, or hedgehog, so-called, killed in any town or unincor-3 porated place, in the state, shall be paid by the treasurer of 4 such town to the person killing it, except that in the Maine 5 Forestry District such bounty shall be paid only in case 6 such animal is killed between the fifteenth day of October 7 and the first day of April in each year, both days inclusive. 8 If the animal is killed in an unincorporated place, the bounty 9 shall be paid by the treasurer of an adjoining town, if any, 10 otherwise by the treasurer of the nearest town. No bounty 11 shall be paid unless the claimant within ten days after he 12 has killed such animal or has returned from the hunting, in

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13 which he killed it, exhibits to the town treasurer, the entire 14 nose and feet thereof, in as perfect a state as when killed, 15 except natural decay, and signs and makes oath to a certifi-16 cate, in which he shall state that he killed such animal, 17 and the time and place, showing it to be within the state; 18 the treasurer shall thereupon entirely destroy said nose and 19 feet by burning; then he shall pay the bounty and take the 20 claimant's receipt therefor upon the same paper with such 21 certificate. The town treasurer shall immediately make 22 upon the same paper a certificate, under oath, addressed 23 to the treasurer of state, that he first destroyed said nose 24 and feet by burning, and then paid said bounty to the claim-25 ant. Said certificates and receipts shall annually, in De-26 cember, be transmitted to the treasurer of state, and by 27 him laid before the governor and council as early as con-28 venient; and when allowed by them shall be paid by the 29 treasurer of state to such towns. The certificate shall be in 30 the following form:

CLAIMANT'S CERTIFICATE

To the treasurer of I hereby certify that on the day of A. D. 19.., at, in the State of Maine, I killed the porcupines or hedgehogs, the nose and feet of which I now exhibit to you; and I claim the bounty allowed by law for killing the same.

Dated at, this day of, A. D. 19...

.....Claimant.

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day and year aforesaid.

.....Treasurer of

CLAIMANT'S RECEIPT

On this day of A. D. 19.., I received of treasurer of, dollars, being the bounty allowed by law for killing the porcupine or hedgehog described in the above certificate.

.....Claimant.

TREASURER'S RECEIPT

I hereby certify that as required by law, I first destroyed by burning the nose and feet of the porcupine or hedgehog described in the foregoing certificate, and then paid to said the bounty for which I have taken his receipt as above.

Dated at, this day of, A. D. 19...

..... Treasurer of