

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY - THIRD LEGISLATURE

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No. 547

H. P. 823 House of Representatives, March 31, 1927.

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

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Kinsman of Augusta.

STATE OF MAINE

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

RESOLVE, in Favor of Olmsted Brothers, Landscape
Architects.

Resolved: That there be and hereby is appropriated the
2 sum of three hundred dollars (\$300) to be paid to Olmsted
3 Brothers, landscape architects, of Brookline, Mass., for pro-
4 fessional services rendered to the state in nineteen hundred
5 twenty-four in the development and improvement of the
6 State Park.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

In 1919 the State Park Commission engaged the well known firm of Olmsted Brothers, landscape architects, to lay out a comprehensive plan for the development of the 20-acre tract fronting the Capitol on the east, and have used the funds available from the legislative appropriations of that and succeeding years in the progressive and consistent development of this plan.

This work called for expert supervision and consultation, and the services which are the subject matter of this resolve were rendered in 1924 by Mr. Carl Rust Parker, representative of the firm in question.

The bill was seasonably presented to the Commission in December of that year, but available funds were exhausted, and the Commission also desired further evidence of the reasonableness of the charges.

Action in the matter was therefore delayed, and when Messrs. Olmsted Brothers next called attention to the bill (in December, 1925) it was found that the appropriation from which it might have been paid had lapsed at the end of the fiscal year and that the Commission had no authority to pay it from funds of the succeeding year.