

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 75**

H. P. 229

House of Representatives, January 16, 1941.

Referred to Committee on Claims and sent up for concurrence. 500 copies ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr Cross of Augusta.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-ONE

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**RESOLVE, in Favor of Watts Detective Agency, Inc., of Boston,  
Massachusetts.**

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**Watts Detective Agency, Inc., compensated. Resolved:** That there be, and hereby is, appropriated the sum of \$2,618.96 to be paid to the Watts Detective Agency, Inc., of Boston, Massachusetts, as a full and final settlement against the state, for detective services rendered in its investigation of the murder of Charles Gurgiotis, late of Bath, said sum to be paid from the general state funds; provided, however, that if the Law Court by its decision in the case of Watts Detective Agency vs. Inhabitants of the County of Sagadahoc holds that the County of Sagadahoc is liable for the services rendered by said Watts Detective Agency, Inc., in said investigation, or any part thereof, then the said sum shall not be paid, except as to that part of the said services for which the said county of Sagadahoc is not liable under such decision.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS

Upon the report of an autopsy, it appeared that Charles Gurgiotis of Bath had met his death by throttling. A Greek investigator was necessary, and upon investigation it was found that the Watts Detective Agency, Inc., had one. The county attorney was advised by the attorney general that he, the county attorney, by virtue of his office, had the authority to hire necessary detectives at the expense of his county. Acting upon this, the county attorney hired the Watts Detective Agency on behalf of the county. When the final bill was rendered, the county commissioners refused to pay the bill. The Watts Detective Agency brought action against the county, and decision is now pending before the Law Court.