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FOR THE YEAR

1877.

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REPORT OF THE AGENT

OF THE

PASSAMAQUODDY INDIANS,

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REPORT.

To the Honorable Governor and Council of Maine :

I have the honor herewith to present my Report as Agent of the Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians, for the year ending November 30th, 1876.

The expenditures will be more fully shown by my account herewith submitted, with the accompanying vouchers.

The appropriations for the year, as will appear by a resolve of the Legislature, approved February 17th, 1876, were as follows, namely :

For May dividend.....	\$400 00
November dividend.....	300 00
Distressed poor.....	1,200 00
Agricultural purposes.....	500 00
Bounties on crops for 1876.....	300 00
Ploughing.....	150 00
Salary of Governor....	100 00
Salary of Lieutenant Governors at Peter Dana's Point.....	20 00
Wood.....	200 00
Educational purposes.....	300 00
Salary of Priest.....	100 00
Dressing for land.....	100 00
Contingent expenses.....	200 00
Salary of Agent.....	300 00
Repairs of Priest's house, and purchasing stove for chapel at Pleasant Point.....	200 00
Repairs of chapel and purchasing stove for same, at Peter Dana's Point.....	50 00
Plastering hall at Pleasant Point.....	50 00
Repairs on road at Pleasant Point.....	50 00
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Making for use during the year the sum of.....	\$4,520 00

The expenditures have been as follows, viz :

For May dividend.....	\$366 80
November dividend.....	302 40
Distressed poor, including medicine, medical at- tendance and funeral charges.....	1,795 68
Agricultural purposes.....	468 00
Bounties on crops.....	288 30
Ploughing.....	125 78
Salary of Governor.....	100 00
Salary of Lieutenant Governors, at Peter Dana's Point.....	20 00
Wood.....	192 19
Educational purposes.....	276 94
Salary of priests.....	100 00
Dressing for land.....	97 54
Contingent expenses, as per vouchers.....	201 15
Salary of Agent.....	300 00
Repairs of priest's house, and purchasing stove for chapel at Pleasant Point.....	120 30
Repairs of chapel and purchasing stove for same at Peter Dana's Point.....	36 30
Plastering hall at Pleasant Point.....	51 73
Repairs on road at Pleasant Point.....	51 97
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	\$4,895 08
Appropriations for 1876.....	4,520 00
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Balance due Agent.....	\$375 08

It has been my aim, during the year, to limit my expenditures to the appropriations, and with the exception of the appropriation for distressed poor, I have been quite successful.

There is quite a number of the male portion of the tribe who, being unable to perform hard labor, have in former years earned a considerable part of their living by hunting, but game has become so scarce that it is impossible for them to follow that business for a livelihood, and must look to the State for assistance. There are also a great many aged females, some of them entirely helpless, who must receive their support from the agency. There has been the usual amount of sickness in the tribe, and in several instances whole families have been obliged to depend upon the poor fund for months for support. In times of business depression like the

present it is very difficult for the men to obtain employment. In no case has any member of the tribe received aid unless it was absolutely necessary. I am well satisfied that the amount appropriated last year will not be sufficient to meet the absolute needs of the poor in the tribe the coming year, and would recommend that the sum of sixteen hundred dollars be appropriated for distressed poor.

The buildings belonging to the tribe are all in good repair, and no appropriation will be needed for that purpose.

I would recommend an appropriation of two hundred dollars for wood for the tribe, to be distributed as follows: For those at Pleasant Point, one hundred dollars; for those at Pembroke, twenty dollars; for those at Calais, thirty dollars; and fifty dollars for those at Peter Dana's Point.

I would recommend an appropriation of fifty dollars for repairs upon the road from Peter Dana's Point to the Granger Turnpike. There was an appropriation of fifty dollars expended very satisfactorily upon this road in 1875, and the amount I now recommend would be sufficient to make the road passable, and it is very much needed by the Indians, as it is the only way they have of getting out with teams, when the ice is making in the fall and breaking up in the spring.

As specified in a treaty made with the different sections of the tribe, dated February 28th, 1852, upon the death of John Francis (then Governor of that portion of the tribe living at Pleasant Point) a vote of the whole tribe should be taken and the majority should decide whether to elect another Governor at Pleasant Point or to be content with the one living on the Indian Township.

The office having become vacant by the death of John Francis, the tribe decided to elect another Governor at Pleasant Point, and have made choice of Selmore Francis.

They have, also, in accordance with the provisions of the treaty, chosen Peter Selmore Lieutenant Governor at Pleasant Point, and as there was no provision made last year for the pay of more than one Lieutenant Governor, I would recommend an appropriation of twenty dollars to each of the Lieutenant Governors.

The school at Pleasant Point, taught by P. H. Rogers, Esq., has been quite successful the past year, and as an inducement to the scholars to take more interest in the school, I offered them a few prizes for the best attendance, deportment and attention to

study, and the teacher and myself were well satisfied with the result.

We are under obligations to J. W. Jacobs, Esq., of South China, for money to furnish prizes for deserving scholars at Peter Dana's Point; also for a set of wall maps for the same school.

I think the tribe has taken more interest in farming, the past year, than usual, particularly that portion residing at Pleasant Point, and I would recommend an appropriation of one hundred dollars for dressing for land.

In accordance with an act passed by the last Legislature, I have taken the census of the tribe, and find their number to be 508. Of this number, 260 are males and 248 females.

WM. T. HOBART,

Agent Passamaquoddy Indians.

PEMBROKE, ME., 30th Nov., 1876.

STATE OF MAINE.

In COUNCIL, Augusta, December 20, 1876.

ORDERED, That five hundred copies of the Report of William T. Hobart, Agent for the Passamaquoddy Indians, be printed.

A true copy—Attest :

S. J. CHADBOURNE,
Secretary of State.