The claim set up was for the amount of three hundred dollars, and after the passage of the law, it was in proof that this amount was paid to Mr. Webster.

No charge has been made that Col. Woolford was in any way to be benefitted by the payment of the claim of Mr. Webster, or that he was interested in any way in regard to it, except to see justice done to a very poor man, whom he believed to have been injured by the action of the State's officers, and which injury he regarded it as obligatory on the State to repair.

Col. Woolford testified before the Committee, that he was present at the drawing made by the Commissioner appointed by Governor Bradford, and that he was cognizant of the fact that the name of Noah Webster was twice drawn from the wheel, and after learning that proof had been furnished the Commissioner that Mr. Webster was over the age of forty-five years at the time, and knowing the fact that Mr. Webster had to sell his home to raise the money to procure a substitute, he did take an interest in the case, and represented to the Committee on Finance that the case was one of very strong merit, and ought to be paid.

Col. Earle and Mr. Claggett have each manifested their concurrence in this opinion, by reporting favorably upon the bill introduced to pay the same claim at the Session of 1874, and which passed the Senate without a dissenting vote.

Your Committee, therefore, after a thorough investigation, are of opinion that in advocating this claim, Col. Woolford was actuated by the purest motives, and that the claim itself was an eminently just one, and which he was entirely right in urging upon the favorable consideration of the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted,

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JOHN CARROLL WALSH,
JAMES FENNER LEE,
A. P. GORMAN,
On the Part of the Senate.

D. W. SNOWDEN, Chairman,
FETTER S. HOBLITZELL,
C. WASHINGTON LEWIS,
IGN. E. MATTINGLY,
W. H. NEAL,
On the Part of the House.

Which was read.

The question recurring upon the adoption of the report,

Mr. Hoblitzell demanded the previous question.