

**Senator's Remark in Debate on Montauk  
Indian Bill Resented by Lieu-  
tenant Governor.**

(Special to the Eagle.)

Albany, March 30—The bill to allow the alleged Montauk tribe of Indians to sue for lands on Long Island was passed by the Senate to-day by a vote of 33 to 13. It has been here for years, but this is the first time it has gotten through either House. It was introduced in this session by Senator Frank Gardner, who later abandoned it. Later it was taken up by Senator Brackett.

During the debate, a sensational incident occurred. Senator Elsberg declared that official influences connected with the Senate were being used to pass the bill.

Coggeshall replied that Elsberg seemed to think that all the virtues in the Senate resided in him and referred indirectly to Lieutenant Governor Bruce.

The latter made a disclaimer from the President's rostrum.

Elsberg replied to Coggeshall that his intimations were the emanations of a small, petty mind.

Elsberg's first remark was:

"I do not want to lose an opportunity of saying, however, that I understand fully the pressure that has been brought to bear upon individual members of the Senate by certain people who have official relations with the Senate, a pressure which I consider wholly improper."

Lieutenant Governor Bruce's statement was as follows:

"From the statement of a Senator from the Thirty-fourth (Coggeshall) it occurs to the chair that perhaps the remark of the Senator from the Fifteenth had relation to the chair. It is true the chair at one time was the attorney of the Montauk tribe of Indians, but the chair since the date of his nomination to this office has had no direct or indirect, immediate, remote or contingent interest whatsoever in this bill and has not sought directly or in any other way to influence the vote of any Senators upon this or any other measures pending before this body."

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