

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty - Third Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 79.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE making provision for Monuments, purchasing Land, and improving the same, on the Battlefield of Gettysburg.

Resolved, That the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars is hereby appropriated from the State Treasury to enable the Gettysburg Battlefield Memorial Association to purchase land, construct avenues, and otherwise care for, and beautify the Gettysburg battle grounds.

And the further sum of eight thousand five hundred dollars is hereby appropriated for the purpose of purchasing and erecting a suitable monument or monuments on the Gettysburg battlefield, to commemorate and perpetuate the conspicuous valor and heroism of Maine soldiers on that decisive battlefield of the war of the Rebellion.

Resolved, That the appropriations called for by
15 these Resolves shall be expended under the direc-
16 tion, and at the discretion of a commission, to con-
17 sist of sixteen members, which shall include the
18 Governor of the State, and one member from each
19 regiment, battery, battalion, company, or staff offi-
20 cer who were present at the battle of Gettysburg,
21 all of whom shall be appointed by the Governor.

Resolved, That the necessary expenses incurred
23 by the commission in carrying out the provisions
24 of these Resolves, not to exceed one thousand
25 dollars, when audited and approved by the Gov-
26 ernor, shall be paid out of the appropriation pro-
27 vided herein, and the State Treasurer is hereby
28 directed to pay said sum upon the approval of the
29 bills by the Governor and Council.

Resolved, That all of said monuments shall be
31 erected and completed on, or before the first day
32 of November, 1890.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

In order by suitable monuments to commemorate and perpetuate the valor and heroism of the Maine soldiers who laid down their lives in our country's cause at Gettysburg, it is necessary to purchase certain lands which will involve with the costs of the monuments the sums named in the accompanying resolve.

While several other States have already made appropriations for these purposes, Maine is now called upon for the first time to appropriate money to erect suitable memorials to its valiant dead who fell in this decisive battle of the War of the Rebellion.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 5, 1887. }

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NICHOLAS FESSENDEN, *Clerk.*