

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 196

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE relating to the Documentary History of Maine.

Resolved, Whereas, the Maine Historical Society proposes
2 to publish annually a volume in a series of volumes contain-
3 ing the earliest documents, charters and other state papers
4 illustrating the history of Maine; and, whereas the funds
5 of the society derivable from its annual income are insuffi-
6 cient for this purpose; and, whereas, other states have, at
7 great expense, procured and published their documentary
8 history at the public expense; therefore,

Resolved, That the governor and council are hereby author-
10 ized to enter into contract with the Maine Historical Society
11 to afford encouragement in aid of such publication, and to
12 subscribe for, or caused to be published in concurrence with
13 said society, the same number of copies as of the annual

14 volume of acts and resolves, not, however, to exceed one
15 thousand copies in all, and to be distributed in the same
16 manner; the said volumes to be properly edited with suit-
17 able notes by said society without expense to the state; pro-
18 vided, that the whole number of volumes annually printed
19 and distributed for the use of the state shall not exceed the
20 price of two dollars per volume, of not less than five hun-
21 dred pages each, with suitable indexes and proper bind-
22 ing.

Resolved, That all copies not required for distribution, in
24 compliance with existing laws, as provided in this resolve,
25 shall be deposited for safe keeping in the state library, and
26 subject to the further disposition of the legislature.

Resolved, That the sum of four thousand dollars be and
28 hereby is appropriated for the purpose of carrying out this
29 resolution, the said sum to be expended under the direction
30 of the governor and council, as herein provided.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The legislature of 1905 appropriated the sum of \$2,000 for the purposes described in the accompanying resolve. The two volumes of this history were delayed in the printer's hands and could not be completed before the close of the fiscal year. The appropriation for 1905 and 1906 was therefore lost. The Maine Historical Society has now completed these two volumes and is preparing to publish two additional volumes, one for the year 1907 and one for the year 1908, making a total of four volumes, consequently the appropriation asked for is \$4,000 instead of \$2,000 to cover the four volumes for the years 1905, 1906, 1907 and 1908; \$1,000 each. The historical society has already expended the first \$2,000 which was appropriated by the legislature of 1905 but has not received it from the state. This work is progressing and will be of permanent value to all historians and persons interested in the early history of Maine.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, February 15, 1907.

Reported by Mr. JORDAN from Committee on Appropriations and
Financial Affairs, and ordered printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*