

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE.

No. 302

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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RESOLVE in favor of a monument in memory of the soldiers of Maine who were at Valley Forge—with statement of facts attached.

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*Resolved,* That the sum of five hundred (\$500). be appropriated for the purpose of erecting at Valley Forge, Penn., a monument in memory of the soldiers from Maine who were at Valley Forge with the Continental army under Washington in the winter of 1777-1778.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS.

From what is now the State of Maine there were no regiments at Valley Forge in the winter of 1777-78, but in Washington's little army of Revolutionary heroes there were soldiers from Maine in Massachusetts regiments, Maine then being a part of Massachusetts. Maine's share in the call for troops from Massachusetts was one-ninth, and Massachusetts had at Valley Forge eleven regiments in three brigades, commanded by Generals Glover, Leonard and Paterson. A fair estimate of the Maine men in these eleven regiments would make the number not far from five hundred. A greater part of these were in Paterson's brigade. Among Maine officers at Valley Forge were Maj. Tobias Fernald of Kittery, Capt. James Donnell of York, Capt. James Means of Falmouth, Capt. Silas Burbank of Scarboro, Capt. Daniel Merrill of Arundell, Capt. Josiah Jenkins of Gorham, Lieut. Timothy Remick of Kittery, Lieut. Henry Small of Falmouth (afterwards of Augusta), Lieut. John Pray of Kittery, Lieut. Ebenezer Storer of Wells (afterwards of Gorham), Lieut. Austin Alden of Gorham, Lieut. William Frost of Berwick, Lieut. A. Warren of Falmouth, Paymaster Joseph Tucker of York and Ensign Joshua Nason of Berwick. Of the eleven thousand men with Washington at Valley Forge it is estimated that about three thousand died during the winter encampment.

In 1893, by an act of the legislature of Pennsylvania, the ground occupied by Washington's army at Valley Forge was purchased for the purpose of preserving and perpetuating that historic site, the same to be vested in the state of Pennsylvania, a park commission was appointed, and the sum of \$74,500 was appropriated for the purchase of land, building roads, etc. In 1905, the state appropriated \$30,000 for the erection at Valley Forge of an equestrian statue of Gen. Anthony Wayne. The same year the state made an additional appropriation of \$115,815 for the purchase of additional land at Valley Forge for constructing roads and fences, erecting proper markers locating the position of troops, planting trees, etc. In memory of the martyrs at Valley Forge, the Daughters of the Revolution have erected in the park an imposing monument fifty feet high.

On the battlefield at Gettysburg, Maine has erected twenty-nine memorials in honor of the men of Maine who had a part in that great battle, appropriating for this purpose \$30,300, an appropriation exceeded for a like purpose only by the states of New York (\$224,825), New Jersey (\$44,225), Pennsylvania (\$374,377.22), and Ohio (\$40,000). The Maine Society of the Sons of the American Revolution asks the State, for the erection of the Valley Forge Memorial, an appropriation of five hundred dollars. This will be ample to meet the entire expense of securing such a memorial as is indicated in the accompanying petition. The Valley Forge Park Commissioners have expressed their approval of the proposed memorial, and will welcome its erection at an appropriate site in the park.

STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, February 25, 1907.

Reported by Mr. MAYO from Committee on Military Affairs, and  
ordered printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*