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To the Honorable Legislature of Maine:

In compliance with the 5th section of chapter 25 of the Public Laws of 1861, I submit the following Report:

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I have received from the State Treasury, during the past year, for the purchase of books, the sum of eight hundred dollars.

The expenditure for the purchase of books, for the same period, has been seven hundred forty-six dollars sixty-two cents.

Since the first day of January last, there have been added to the library five hundred and seventy-four volumes and pamphlets. A list of these additions, indicating the sources from which they have been received, will be found annexed to this report. About fifty volumes have been made up of pamphlets in the library, and bound the past year.

The law library, it will be seen from the annexed list, has been considerably increased, by the addition of reports of adjudged cases in the Federal courts, and in the courts of the several States, digests, and English reports. Still this department of the library is deficient.

Two hundred and eighty-seven dollars and thirty-eight cents of the three hundred dollars appropriated last year for the purchase of law reports, have been expended in the purchase of the missing volumes of the New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Connecticut reports.

The library now receives, in exchange for those of Maine, the reports of nearly all the States not in rebellion.

Libraries are not to be valued by the number of volumes they contain, but by their fulness in all those departments of reference, which are most desirable for the public officers of the Government. Maine has a beginning of a library, though it is far from being adequate to supply necessary books of references to the legislators, judges, State officers and others who have occasion to resort
to it. Its increase has been, necessarily, very slow, having been
mainly dependent on exchanges with other States, the receipt of
public documents and other works distributed by Congress, and
the operations of the system of international exchanges, which was
some time since discontinued.

The Library must either remain in this condition, or the Legis-
ture must apply the correction by an appropriation.

There are nine different Reviews and Magazines, in part, in the
Library. The North American is complete, but portions only of
the others remain. As these Reviews embody, for the most part,
the productions of the most gifted minds of the age, and the freshest
information, in a condensed form, on subjects in literature, science
and the arts, I would respectfully suggest that the most valuable
of these periodicals, both foreign and American, be procured to
the present time, and continued by subscription.

The importance of perfecting this part of the Library I shall
not press; because it seems to me that it would be impertinent to
urge what is so self-evident.

A thousand dollars applied yearly to the increase of the Library,
would be no more than adequate to supply the present deficiency,
and place it on a respectable footing. This sum may seem extrava-
gant to some, and it is with great diffidence, in the present state of
affairs, that I allude to an appropriation. But other States of this
Union, no abler than Maine, make appropriations annually to their
libraries three or four times greater than ours. Illinois appro-
priates annually to this purpose, $1,400; Ohio, $2,000; Pennsyl-
vania, $2,400; Massachusetts, $2,800; New York, between six and
eight thousand dollars. I cite these as good precedents; and ad-
vocate the establishment of an adequate Library as a great public
interest, deserving the fostering care of the people of Maine.

GEORGE G. STACY, State Librarian.

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