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## STATE OF MAINE.

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RESOLVES making a conditional grant to the president  
and trustees of Bates College.

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*Resolved*, That the land agent, under the advice and  
2 approval of the governor and council, is hereby directed  
3 to convey to the president and trustees of Bates Col-  
4 lege, two townships of land ; *provided* that conveyance  
5 of the said land shall not be made to the president and  
6 trustees of the said college, unless within three years  
7 from the first day of September next they shall raise  
8 by subscription or otherwise the sum of thirty thousand  
9 dollars, and have the same actually invested to the sat-  
10 isfaction and approval of the governor and council ;  
11 *and provided further*, that the land so conveyed shall  
12 be of such a quality as will in the judgment of the  
13 governor and council secure to said college the sum  
14 of twenty thousand dollars, and that any proceeds

15 thereof after defraying the expenses of location and  
16 sale exceeding that sum shall be paid into the state  
17 treasury and placed to the credit of the common school  
18 fund, the said land to be sold in open market after six  
19 months' notice in at least three public newspapers in  
20 this state.

*Resolved,* That in consideration of the grant of land  
2 contained in the foregoing, the state shall be entitled  
3 to ten scholarships giving free tuition to as many per-  
4 sons in the said Bates College ; and that the persons  
5 who shall enjoy the privileges of these scholarships  
6 shall be designated by the governor of the state, pref-  
7 erence to be given to the children of those who have  
8 fallen in defence of their country, and always to stu-  
9 dents who are indigent and meritorious ; and the ac-  
10 ceptance of this grant of land by the said president  
11 and trustees of the said college shall be taken and held  
12 as a contract on their part to issue these scholarships  
13 on the requisition of the governor so long as such re-  
14 quisition shall be made, it being understood that no  
15 more than ten students shall enjoy under the provisions  
16 of these resolves free tuition in the said college at any  
17 one time.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS.

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Bates College, though a purely literary institution, is under the care of the Free Baptist denomination. This denomination is not wealthy,—is mostly confined to country towns. It has been but a few years since they have taken a general interest in the cause of education. The larger part of what they have done educationally, has been done within the last ten or twelve years. They are numerous in Maine,—nearly one quarter of their whole number residing in this State. They have no College in New England, (only as they now have one in name,) while other denominations are well provided with colleges. Bates College is to be a New England College. About one half of the denomination are residents of New England; and the denomination has six Academies or Seminaries in New England that will be feeders to this College. A Freshman Class was organized last fall term, numbering twenty-two—sixteen gentlemen, and six ladies. The College is on the plan of many of the Western Colleges, admitting ladies as well as gentlemen to all the privileges of the Institution, and embracing both the preparatory and collegiate courses.

The friends of the College ask for two townships of land on condition that they raise thirty thousand dollars. If the State and friends of the College will aid to this amount, the President and Trustees have encouragement that fifty thousand dollars shall be raised in Boston. This latter sum is expected from those capitalists who have already invested millions of dollars in Lewiston, where said College is located, and who are expecting to invest there millions more. By aiding this Institution, the State is encouraging those capitalists, residents of Massachusetts, to invest their means in this State. Of the \$100,000 proposed to be raised, \$25,000 are expected to be expended for the erection of a new College building; and \$75,000 for a permanent fund. It is proposed to add some five or six professors at once to the number of those already employed—these professors having in charge espec-

ially the collegiate department. Two large brick buildings have already been erected.

The Committee are satisfied that the Legislature will do an act that will be creditable to the State by passing the resolves herewith reported.

Per Order.

W. H. JOSSELYN, *Chairman.*

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## STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
January 27, 1864. }

On motion of Mr. CRAM of Brunswick, laid on the table and 350 copies of the resolves, together with the accompanying statement of facts, ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

HORACE STILSON, *Clerk.*