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To Honorable Harry I. Rollins, Representative
Re: Academy Aid

. . . In checking on Chapter 155 of the Public Laws of 1947 I found that it is an act requiring the licensing of insurance adjusters and has no relation to Monson Academy. I then looked at Chapter 155 of the Private and Special Laws of 1947, and that relates to the digging of claims in Waldoboro and Bremen. Then I looked at Chapter 155 of the Resolves of 1947 and found that same was in favor of several academies, and that Monson Academy was mentioned as having an appropriation of \$900 for each fiscal year, to be expended under the direction of the board of trustees of said institution, to be taken from the adjustment fund, as provided by subsection II of Section 106 of Chapter 27 of the Revised Statutes.

Section 106 of Chapter 37, subsection II, provides for the prorating of appropriations on an enrollment per capita basis according to the number of pupils, etc., adjustments to be made under the supervision of the Commissioner of Education.

You ask, "Where did the balance go? Who needed it more?" And you further ask me why the Governor and Council make such drastic cuts as soon as the legislature adjourns and where this authority originates. . .

There are certain phases of the law which the legislature has delegated to the Commissioner of Education, with the approval of the Governor and Council, and this is one of them. They are authorized to issue to such academies as come within the provisions set up by the statutes, in addition to the provisions previously stated and in the same manner, funds as follows: Academies with an enrollment of 20 to 40 pupils, \$27 per capita; 41 to 60 pupils, \$25 per capita; and so on down the line. . .

The Governor and Council cannot answer your question. . .

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