

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 38.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

Limerick Academy was incorporated in 1808. In 1809-10 a large and commodious building was erected by the citizens of that town, at an expense of some 4000 dollars, including furniture and apparatus.

Went into successful operation in 1811, and so continued until 1851, when the building with nearly all its contents, was consumed by fire, with no insurance.

At the time of its incorporation the Legislature of Massachusetts granted aid to this Institution, in lands, to the amount of fifteen hundred dollars: only five hundred dollars of which was expended in repairs and operating the Institution during the long term of forty years. The sum of one thousand dollars remaining, together with three thousand dollars raised by voluntary subscription by the said citizens of Limerick, was appropriated in 1851-2, toward the erection of a new building, chemical and philosophical apparatus, furniture, bell, &c.

The only aid furnished by the State of Maine to this Institution during its long and successful career of more than sixty years, was the sum of three thousand dollars, which was derived from the sale of wood and timber, on land of the State; the greater portion thereof has been appropriated to the extinguishment of the debt incurred in re-building, &c., as above named.

On the 29th day of December, 1870, the new building, erected in 1851-2, together with nearly all its contents, was consumed by fire, with an insurance of only two thousand dollars, leaving the Institution with only twenty-six hundred dollars available funds.

This Institution of learning has furnished educational facilities for more than 6000 of the youth of our State; many of whom have

been fitted for and engaged as teachers in our primary schools and higher seminaries of learning, and for other responsible positions in life.

The sums heretofore contributed to this Institution by the citizens of Limerick, amount to more than \$7,000; and still believing that the cause of education and sound learning demand that Limerick Academy be re-built, and continue its course of usefulness, the Trustees and other citizens of the town, have raised by subscription, three thousand five hundred dollars, conditioned that the amount shall be so increased by the State as shall warrant the Trustees in going forward with the work of re-building.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of Limerick Academy.

Resolved, That the sum of six hundred dollars is
2 hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury
3 not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of rebuild-
4 ing Limerick Academy, an institution of learning
5 located in the town of Limerick, in the county of
6 York, to be paid to the trustees when said academy
7 building shall have been erected, furnished and suit-
8 ably arranged for the accommodation of one hundred
9 and twenty students, and when a school in said build-
10 ing shall be in successful operation ; and that the
11 further sum of three hundred dollars be paid yearly
12 for the term of five years, to said trustees, out of any
13 money not otherwise appropriated, for the maintenance
14 of such academy ; *provided however*, that this appro-
15 priation is made on the express condition, that the
16 trustees of said seminary shall maintain and keep in
17 operation a school, equal in rank and grade of teaching,
18 with a first class academy ; and also maintain a
19 normal department, equal in grade to that required by

20 law of the state normal schools ; *and provided further,*
21 that the governor and council, and superintendent of
22 common schools shall have a right at any and all
23 times, to visit said school, when the same shall be in
24 operation ; and if in the opinion of the governor and
25 council, said seminary at any time hereafter shall fail
26 to fulfil the conditions contained in this resolve, they
27 may in their discretion withhold the appropriation
28 herein granted.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 8, 1872. }

Taken from the table, on motion of Mr. PHILLIPS of Orrington, and pending its passage to be engrossed, ordered to be printed with Statement of Facts.

S. J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*