

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 55.

The Committee on Education to whom was referred the petition of the Trustees of the Exeter High School Corporation, praying for an appropriation of money for said High School, herewith submit a statement of facts to accompany the Resolve reported in their favor.

Said High School was incorporated^d in 1837 or 1838, or about that time, by a charter from the Legislature, when a donation of six hundred dollars was made to said school, and said school has been in operation for one or two terms per year since that time, with some exceptions, and the present fund, or the balance of said donation of six hundred dollars, is now about four hundred and seventy-five dollars.

Said school is kept in a large and commodious two-story building, erected in part for that purpose by School District No. 3, in Exeter. The number of scholars at the last fall term was about 140, though the number at said term was much larger than the average number at other terms of said school. Said school is situated in a pleasant village, with good accommodations for boarding, and accessible by stages, &c.

The citizens of the village have been heavily taxed for many years to sustain said school, and feel that the same cannot be sustained in the future without State aid.



STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of Exeter High School.

Resolved, That the sum of three hundred dollars is
2 hereby annually appropriated, out of any money in the
3 treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the term
4 of five years, to Exeter High School, an institution
5 of learning in the town of Exeter, in the county of
6 Penobscot; *provided however*, that this appropriation
7 is made on the express condition, that the trustees of
8 said high school shall maintain and keep in operation
9 a school, equal in rank and grade of teaching, with a
10 first class academy; and also maintain a normal depart-
11 ment, equal in grade to that required by law of the
12 state normal schools; *and provided further*, that the
13 governor and council, and superintendent of common
14 schools shall have a right at any and all times, to visit
15 said school, when the same shall be in operation; and
16 if in the opinion of the governor and council, said high
17 school at any time hereafter shall fail to fulfil the con-
18 ditions contained in this resolve, they may in their
19 discretion withhold the appropriation herein granted.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 12, 1872. }

Taken from the table on motion of Mr. BARKER of Exeter,
ordered printed with Statement of Facts, and Thursday next as-
signed.

S. J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*