

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# FIFTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE.

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HOUSE.

No. 82.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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RESOLVE in favor of the Maine general hospital at  
Portland.

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*Resolved,* That the sum of ten thousand dollars be  
2 and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of  
3 finishing and furnishing the central building of the  
4 Maine general hospital, to be paid whenever satisfac-  
5 tory evidence shall be furnished to the governor and  
6 council that said appropriation has been expended for  
7 the purposes enumerated in this resolve.

## MEMORIAL.

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*To the Honorable the Senate and the House of Representatives, in  
Legislature assembled:*

The undersigned, President of the Board of Directors of the Maine General Hospital, and in behalf thereof, respectfully represents that the Hospital was incorporated by act of the Legislature passed February 24, 1868, amended by act of February 26, 1870; that the act of incorporation was accepted; and that an organization was effected at meetings held in December, 1869, and January, 1870; that on the 19th day of March, 1870, the Legislature passed two resolves, by one of which it granted to the Hospital for the purpose of erecting and maintaining thereon its buildings, the lot in the city of Portland then owned by the State, and occupied for a State Arsenal, on condition that before the grant took effect twenty thousand dollars should be raised by responsible private subscriptions, and by the other the sum of twenty thousand dollars was granted on condition that fifty thousand dollars in all should be raised, received into its treasury, and expended in the construction of the Hospital buildings.

That all the conditions named in the resolves aforesaid, were kept and performed by the Hospital; that in addition to these timely and liberal grants of the State, the city of Portland has conveyed to the corporation a tract of land adjoining the Arsenal lot and necessary to the Hospital, the value of which was rather more than less than ten thousand dollars; that the friends of the Hospital, (among whom may be mentioned the members of the medical profession throughout the State, who with scarcely an exception, took a deep interest in the establishment of the Institution,) without delay adopted measures for raising funds by private subscription, and otherwise, for the construction and furnishing of the necessary buildings, and by which have been raised in all, independent of the benefactions of the State and the

grant by the city of Portland, the sum of \$91,489.79; that on the 3d day of March, 1874, the Legislature, by a resolve passed on that day, made the further grant of \$25,000, "for the purpose of placing the Maine General Hospital in a suitable condition for the reception and treatment of patients;" that the sums of money so contributed by the State and individuals, amounting in all to \$136,489.79, have been expended in the erection of the buildings of the Hospital, and in furnishing the same; that in the expenditure of this money the Directors have been careful to practice the strictest economy, and to give to all expenditures a watchful personal supervision; that when the buildings were so far completed as to admit of the reception of patients, a public dedication of the Hospital, the exercises of which included an appropriate and eloquent address by the Governor of the State, took place, this was on the 22d of October, 1874; that immediately thereafter, the Hospital was opened for the reception and treatment of patients, of whom there have been to the present time twenty-seven, and of this number six only were residents of Portland, a fact which shows that the advantages of the Institution are to be enjoyed by the people of the whole State, for it is to be fairly inferred that hereafter when the Institution shall have become more generally known in all parts of the State than it can be expected to be now, the proportion of patients from other places than Portland will be larger than it has been heretofore.

As indicated in the Memorial of the Directors last year, the grant then made was intended to be used in the completion of the eastern pavillion, and in building the kitchen, laundry and boiler-house, including steam apparatus, accompanying appendages and connections, leaving the completion of the central building for the time being in an unfinished state. What it was then expected would be done has been done, and more, for out of the assets of the corporation a very considerable amount of work has been performed towards the finishing of the central structure; so that it may now be made ready for occupancy at a comparatively small expenditure. The completion of this building is required in the interest of economy and convenience.

It will be readily understood that for a season the Hospital cannot be self-sustaining. When, as at no distant day must be the case, its wards and rooms shall be filled with patients, when free beds shall have been established, as established they will be, and when gifts and bequests by our humane and liberal citizens shall

have created a generous fund, as they will create sooner or later, there will be no occasion to call upon the State for assistance. But in the mean time it must be apparent to the members of the Legislature that some aid from the State will be indispensable to the support and working of this admirable charity. Remembering as the Directors do with pride and gratitude the noble grants of the State in the past—and to them the more noble and gratifying because of the prompt and cheerful manner in which they have ever been made—they cannot doubt that this petition, which they would lay before you only under the stress of absolute necessity, will receive the just and considerate favor of your honorable bodies.

To enable us to carry out the purposes indicated in our Memorial, we respectfully and earnestly ask for a pecuniary appropriation of ten thousand dollars. And as in duty bound will every pray.

JOHN T. GILMAN,  
*President of Board of Directors.*

PORTLAND, January 25, 1875.

Estimated cost of finishing and furnishing the central building  
of the MAINE GENERAL HOSPITAL :

Lathing and plastering .....	\$1,500 00
Gas piping.....	100 00
Plumbing for bathing-room, water closets, &c....	800 00
Steam pipe and radiators .....	400 00
Finishing stair-work.....	400 00
Finishing doors and windows.....	1,500 00
Floors.....	400 00
Doors and top-lights .....	500 00
Inside blinds.....	500 00
Hardware .....	400 00
Grates and mantles.....	400 00
Joiner work on closets, bathing-rooms, &c.....	200 00
Painting.....	400 00
Furnishing twenty-seven rooms.....	2,000 00
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	\$9,500 00

The above estimate is approved.

F. H. FASSETT, *Architect.*

Amendment "A" offered by Mr. WHEELWRIGHT of Bangor.

*Provided also,* that the trustees or faculty, shall  
2 change their by-laws or constitution, or add thereto if  
3 necessary, so that any patient now in the hospital, or  
4 may hereafter be in it, or who may wish to enter it,  
5 shall be allowed to employ a homeopathic physician if  
6 he desires it.

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
February 15, 1875. }

Reported from Committee on Financial Affairs, by Mr. SHEP-  
HERD of Skowhegan, and ordered printed with Memorial and  
amendment offered by Mr. WHEELWRIGHT of Bangor.

S. J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*