

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SIXTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 205.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of the publication of the early records of the state in the registry of deeds for York county.

Resolved, That, if the Maine Historical Society
2 shall cause to be copied the earliest records in the
3 registry of deeds for York county, and have the
4 same duly attested by the register of deeds for
5 said county, and printed in form similar to the first
6 volume of Suffolk deeds, lately published by the
7 city of Boston, each volume to consist of not less
8 than six hundred pages with a full index to the
9 same, the governor and council shall purchase for
10 the state two hundred copies of each volume so
11 published, not exceeding four in all, at a price not
12 exceeding five dollars a volume and not more than

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13 one-half of the actual cost of the same, and that
14 one copy of each volume be placed in each registry
15 of deeds in the state.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

These are the early records of the whole State, beginning in 1647. The first volume is almost destroyed and the next four much worn and defaced. Their loss would affect many early titles of real estate in a large portion of the State. Their value also for historical and genealogical purposes, so intimately connected as they are with our early history, demands that they should be preserved in some permanent form accessible to the citizens of each county. The Maine Historical Society desire to accomplish this largely by private subscriptions, but cannot hope to succeed without the aid of the State asked for by the within resolve.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
March 12, 1883. }

Reported by Mr. MATTOCKS, from Committee on Legal Affairs.
and ordered printed.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*