

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty - Third Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 228.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE providing for the purchase of certain copies of the Early Records of York County.

Resolved, That the sum of one thousand dollars
2 is hereby appropriated to carry into effect the pro-
3 visions of a resolve, approved March fifteenth,
4 eighteen hundred and eighty-three, authorizing the
5 Governor and Council to purchase two hundred
6 copies, of the Maine Historical Society, "of the
7 early records of the State in the Registry of Deeds
8 of York County." The further sum of three thou-
9 sand dollars is hereby appropriated for the purchase
10 of two hundred copies each, of volumes two, three
11 and four, of said publications, *provided* said volumes
12 are published and delivered to the Secretary of
13 State on or before the thirty-first day of December,
14 eighteen hundred and eighty-eight.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

By a resolve approved March 15, 1883, it was provided that if the Maine Historical Society should cause to be copied and printed the earliest records of the registry of deeds of the county of York, in accordance with certain provisions of said resolve, the Governor and Council were authorized to purchase for the State, two hundred copies of each volume, not to exceed four volumes in all, at a price not exceeding five dollars per volume; and by an act approved on the date above mentioned, the sum of one thousand dollars was appropriated to pay for two hundred copies of the first volume.

On account of certain difficulties to be overcome in organizing a force of competent persons to make the copies and superintend their printing, the first volume was not completed until the one thousand dollars, aforesaid, had reverted to the treasury of the State. The first volume is now printed, and the Maine Historical Society respectfully asks through its Committee having the matter in charge, that the sum may be re-appropriated for the purpose for which the original appropriation was made.

And it is further asked that three thousand dollars additional be appropriated by this Legislature, for the purpose contemplated in the resolve before mentioned, to pay for two hundred copies each of the three succeeding volumes, it being the purpose of the society to issue the four volumes before the assembling of the Legislature of 1889. A force is organized for that purpose; the second volume is well under way, and it is important that the work should be completed by the persons who are now engaged upon it.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
March 9, 1887. }

Reported from Committee on Financial Affairs by Mr. O'BRIEN of
Thomaston; ordered printed under joint rule.

NICHOLAS FESSENDEN, Clerk.