

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Fourth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 55.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of Maine Gettysburg
Commission.

Resolved, That the sum of ten thousand dollars
2 (\$10,000) be and is hereby appropriated to enable
3 the Maine Gettysburg Commission appointed under
4 the resolve approved February 25, 1887, to erect,
5 complete and dedicate the monuments provided for
6 in this resolve. Said sum to be expended
7 under the direction of said commission, the bills
8 for which when audited and approved by the Gov-
9 ernor and Council, the State Treasurer is hereby
10 directed to pay such sum when so audited.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The Gettysburg Monument Commission, organized under the act of February 25, 1887, and to whom was given for the above purpose the sum of \$15,000 to purchase land and build monuments, find themselves at the present time in the following situation :

They have paid \$2,500 to the Gettysburg Battlefield Memorial Association for the purchase of land, laying out avenues, etc. ; \$1,000 was used by the commission in locating sites, etc., for monuments, thus leaving the sum of \$11,500 for the building of monuments.

The commission advertised for bids (after receiving from the several organizations their designs and plans for the same) ; the lowest bid exceeded the appropriation by the sum of \$4,110. This deficiency the commission were obliged to guarantee to the Hallowell Granite Company personally before they would go on with the work.

The commission also find that to comply with the Gettysburg Battlefield Association rules they are obliged to put up markers on the right and left flanks of all organizations, with suitable inscriptions, at a cost of some \$1,000. The "*legends*" have also got to be changed to comply with existing rules and regulations. These expenses, together with those which must necessarily arise to have the monuments properly dedicated next summer, and in a manner that will be creditable to the State, are therefore obliged to ask for the amount stated in the "*Resolves*."

Trusting to your patriotic pride in a State which furnished so many gallant and brave men on this, the historic battle field of our civil war, your committee hope and trust that you will give the "*Resolve*" a passage.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
January 29, 1889.

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Portland; ordered printed under joint rule.

NICHOLAS FESSENDEN, *Clerk.*