

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Sixty-Fourth Legislature.

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SENATE.

No. 79.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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### RESOLVE in favor of Patten Academy.

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*Resolved*, That the sum of five hundred dollars is hereby  
2 appropriated, for the term of ten years, to Patten  
3 Academy, an institution of learning in the town of Patten,  
4 in the county of Penobscot; provided, however, that  
5 the appropriation is made on the express condition that  
6 the trustees of said institution shall maintain and keep in  
7 operation a school equal in rank and grade of teaching  
8 with a first-class academy; and provided, further, that  
9 the governor and council, and superintendent of common  
10 schools, shall have a right at all times to visit said school  
11 when the same shall be in operation, and if in the opinion  
12 of the governor and council said institution, at any time  
13 hereafter, shall fail to fulfil the conditions contained in  
14 this resolve, they may, in their discretion, withhold the  
15 appropriation herein granted.



### STATEMENT OF FACTS.

Patten Academy is situated in Patten, Penobscot county. It is the only institution in that section of the State affording opportunities for the scholars in that section to acquire a higher grade of education. The nearest institution where the higher grades of instruction are taught is Houlton, in Aroostook county, thirty-five miles distant. The Academy has never received any aid from the State except in land grant. The building at present is in very bad condition and must be rebuilt. If the institution receives the aid asked for the trustees will be able, with the small fund at their disposal, to put the building in suitable condition to be used. No part of the fund appropriated is to be used for any other purpose except to pay instructors. The number of scholars attending the institution the past year was one hundred and fifty, and the number of scholars in the towns which this school will accommodate is about eighteen hundred.

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE, February 11, 1889.

Reported by Mr. RYDER, from Committee on Education, and laid on table to be printed under joint rules, with Statement of Facts.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary.*