

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Sixty-Fifth Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 128.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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RESOLVE in favor of Somerset Academy.

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*Resolved,* That the sum of five hundred dollars is  
2 hereby appropriated annually for the term of ten  
3 years to Somerset Academy, an institution of  
4 learning located in the town of Athens in the  
5 county of Somerset; provided, however, that this  
6 appropriation is made upon the express condition  
7 that the trustees of said institution shall maintain  
8 and keep in operation a school equal in rank and  
9 grade of teaching with a first-class academy, three  
10 terms of not less than ten weeks each during each  
11 year; and provided further, that the governor and

12 superintendent of common schools shall have a  
13 right at all times to visit said school when the  
14 same shall be in operation, and if, in the opinion of  
15 the governor and council, said institution, at any  
16 time hereafter, shall fail to fulfil the conditions of  
17 this resolve, they may, in their discretion, withhold  
18 the appropriation herein granted.

### STATEMENT OF FACTS.

Somerset Academy an institution of learning, located in Athens village, Somerset county, Maine, was incorporated June 22, 1846. The building is of brick, two stories, 44 by 32 feet, seating capacity for 150 pupils ; warmed by a modern furnace in basement which supplies heat sufficient for the upper and lower rooms, seats and desks of the latest improvement. The income from the fund, with the tuition, will scarcely maintain two terms a year of eleven weeks each with incidental expenses that have to be met each term of school. Said building was erected from funds subscribed by the people in this vicinity, and is now insured for twenty-five hundred dollars.

Gentlemen of the Committee, if the proposed aid asked for in the resolve is granted, (which I think you must feel that the exigencies of the case require) it is believed that three terms a year, of eleven weeks each can be maintained, making it a fitting school for college, and a training school for teachers in that vicinity. I herewith present you the official statement of the Treasurer of said academy for your consideration, hoping that you will grant the needed aid that the case requires and report that the same ought to pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

S. L. TOBEY,

*President Board of Trustees.*

STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
February 21, 1891. }

Reported by Mr. KEEGAN of Van Buren, from Committee on Education, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*