

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Fifth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 129.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of Fryeburg Academy.

Resolved, That the sum of five hundred dollars is
2 hereby appropriated annually for the term of ten
3 years to Fryeburg Academy, an institution of
4 learning located in the town of Fryeburg, in the
5 county of Oxford; provided, that this appropria-
6 tion is made with the following condition: that the
7 trustees of said institution shall maintain three
8 terms of school, of not less than ten weeks each,
9 equal in rank and grade of teaching with a first
10 class academy; and provided, further, that the
11 governor and council and superintendent of com-

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

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

Fryeburg Academy was incorporated by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, February eighth, 1792. It was donated by the Commonwealth a track of land the receipts of which enabled the institution to commence and continue for a long time an academy of rare excellence. Once it was burned but it was again rebuilt and has and became the seat of the higher school instruction, for that part of the state. Its first preceptor was Paul Langdon, noted for his great ability as a teacher. He was followed in 1802 by Daniel Webster. Probably, it can be safely claimed that no institution of the kind can point to so many men of note whose instruction commenced in this school. It is now a fitting school for Bowdoin College, but its efficiency is lessened for want of funds, and its usefulness is being greatly diminished, and endangered on this account. That it would be a misfortune to the interests of education if unable to maintain itself longer its friends fully believe. For nearly an hundred years it has been an active factor in giving Maine some of the best men and women living, and now reluctantly comes to the State for a little aid in her hour of need, promising if it be given, to return it an hundred fold.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 21, 1891.

Reported by Mr. KIMBALL of Bridgton, from Committee on Education, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*