

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Sixty-Fifth Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 133.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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### RESOLVE in favor of Lincoln 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 Lincoln Academy, an institution of learn-  
4 ing located in the town of Newcastle and county  
5 of Lincoln; provided, however, that this appro-  
6 priation is made upon the express condition that  
7 the trustees of said institution shall maintain and  
8 keep in operation a school equal in rank and grade  
9 of teaching with a first-class academy, of not less  
10 than three terms of ten weeks each during each  
11 year; and, provided further, that the governor and

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

## STATEMENT OF FACTS.

Lincoln Academy was chartered by the General Court of Massachusetts in 1801. A grant of land was made at that time by the state of Massachusetts, from which only a small sum was realized. The first academy building was burned. The cost of that and the present building used about all the original appropriation. The present small endowment represents money contributed by citizens of the vicinity. The school has never received anything from the State of Maine. It is the only school of the kind in the county. It is centrally located, surrounded by many large towns which do not maintain regular town high schools, and is patronized by the whole county.

It has maintained a school for at least thirty-eight weeks each year from the first. Most of its students finish their education here, but it has always fitted many for college. It is within the reach of a class of scholars who, without it, could not have the instruction it offers. The present school building is *sixty-five* years old, and is in great need of repairs, the heating and ventilation being especially defective. School apparatus is much needed to put the academy on an equality with *ordinary* schools of its class.

With an average daily attendance of *eighty students* the school has but *two* salaried teachers. Another teacher is needed. The income of the school is not sufficient to meet *any* of these wants. The sum asked for would greatly increase the efficiency of the school, and give the scholars advantages they would otherwise not have.

STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
February 21, 1891. }

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

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*