

Sixty-Fifth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 280.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of continuing the publication of York Deeds.

Resolved, That the Maine Historical Society 2 agreeing to supervise the copying, attesting, edit-3 ing, indexing and publishing of volumes seven and 4 eight of the public records of this State in the office 5 of the register of deeds for York county in the same 6 creditable manner as in the six preceding volumes 7 already published (except that they are not required 8 to be leaded, because of their increased size)—the 9 governor and council shall purchase for the State

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10 four hundred and fifty copies of volume seven and 11 the like number of volume eight at five dollars per 12 volume; and the State Librarian shall cause one 13 copy of each volume to be placed in each registry 14 of deeds in this State; the remaining copies to be 15 distributed or exchanged at the discretion of said 16 librarian.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

This work is so thoroughly appreciated, is so well done and reflects so much credit upon the State, and is of such increasing usefulness, that it should be encouraged and aided by the reasonable appropriation asked for.

The amounts asked are the least for which the books can be published. They contain more pages than the last ones printed, but the expectation is that by dropping the leading from between the lines these volumes can be brought within a reasonable compass and can so be done for the same price as the last one printed.

There are no private subscriptions nor private sales to any extent to rely upon.

The same arguments that induced the legislature of 1883 to grant aid to the inception of this work, and the legislature of 1889 to continue it, apply now to its continuance by easy stages to a completion at some time in the future.

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House of Representatives, March 18, 1891.

Reported by Mr. COUSENS of Wells, from Committee on Library, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, Clerk.