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STATE OF MAINE.

AUGUSTA, February 4th, 1891.

To the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives:

I have the honor of transmitting herewith a communication from Mr. Francis T. Garrettson to the Secretary of State of the United States, in relation to the lack of fire-escapes in the hotels in this State and by that officer referred to the Executive department of Maine.

EDWIN C. BURLEIGH.

NEW YORK, November 25, 1890.

HON. JAMES G. BLAINE,

Washington, D. C.

DEAR SIR:—I have noticed during the past four years of summer residence of my family and myself at the “St. Saviour” hotel at Bar Harbor the utter helplessness of the guests of the house in case of a serious fire. Every hotel on the coast of Maine, from Old Orchard to Eastport, that I have seen is a like tinder box.

The coast of Maine offers to the summer visitor peculiar attractions. He has come to stay and to draw others after him. He should not be roasted.

It seems to the writer that legislative action should be had in your State requiring and *enforcing* the erection of adequate fire escapes.

I have written to the Governor of your State on this matter and address you as a resident not only of the State but of Bar Harbor.

I am, sir, yours,

Very respectfully,

FRANCIS T. GARRETTSON.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 5, 1891.

Read, and on motion by Mr. GRINDLE of Hancock, laid on table to be printed.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary.*