

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Seventh Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 32.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of accepting gift of Land and Monument
from the First Maine Heavy Artillery Association.

Resolved, That the governor and council are hereby
2 authorized to accept for the state of Maine, from the First
3 Maine Heavy Artillery Association, or from Horace H.
4 Shaw holding title in trust for them, a gift to the state of a
5 certain lot of five acres of land situated near Petersburg,
6 Virginia, together with a monument erected on said lot in
7 memory of the six hundred and four members of that regi-
8 ment who fell charging there June 18, 1864.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The First Maine Heavy Artillery stands upon the records of the Nation as the regiment which suffered the heaviest losses in battle of any regiment in the United States service in the late Rebellion or in any other war.

In an assault upon the strong Confederate works near Petersburg, Va., June 18, 1864, this regiment was designated as the storming column. Of the 850 men and officers who made this charge, 604 were killed or wounded. The survivors of the regiment purchased the land and with the generous contribution of six hundred dollars granted by the last legislature, erected on this field June 18, 1894, thirty years after the charge, a suitable monument in memory of their fallen comrades, Maine's heroic dead.

On March 25, 1865, over this same field the Confederate, Gen. Gordon's division, charged in an attempt to capture Fort Steadman and open a way for Lee's escape from Petersburg and Richmond. This was the last aggressive movement of the Rebellion. But upon the same acre where the First Maine monument stands, they suffered one of their severest losses. It is believed by some Union and Confederate authorities that history will prove this to be the most sanguinary acre on earth.

The survivors of the First Maine Heavy Artillery, profoundly grateful to the State for their assistance in marking this field to history, desire now to present the field and their monument to the State they love and for whose glory their comrades died.

HORACE H. SHAW,
CHARLES HAMLIN,
GEORGE R. FERNALD, } *Committee.*

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
January 25, 1895. }

Tabled, pending reference to any Committee, by Mr. LARRABEE of
Portland, and ordered printed.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*