

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

Sixty-Seventh Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 108.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of Cherryfield Academy.

Resolved, That there be and is hereby appropriated the
2 sum of five hundred dollars per year for the years 1895
3 and 1896 to be paid to the trustees of Cherryfield Academy,
4 an institution of learning situated in Cherryfield in the
5 county of Washington, for the use of said academy.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

A building was erected by the Union District of Cherryfield (which comprised the village proper) designed for the uses of the Academy, 60x40 feet, two stories high. This building with extensive grounds was deeded to the trustees of the Academy conditionally on the scholars of said district having the privileges of the Academy, on payment by the district of the school money to which these scholars were entitled or drew. This property, with the \$4,000.00 from the sale of the land from the state constituted the fund of the Academy.

The history therefore in brief is that forty-four years ago the state gave for higher education in that section \$4,000.00 and the citizens of the village gave a property of twice that value. That for years a school was maintained and flourished, limited at times only by the seating capacity of the room, and often numbering one hundred and twenty. Conducted by some of the most eminent educators of New England. The available fund was of course insignificant when it is considered that only the income of it could be used from year to year, and tuition of scholars from surrounding towns contributed largely to its support.

When the Free High School act came into effect, the trustees thought best to give the use of the building and fund to the town, and since that time, the school has been in charge of the supervisor and has done excellent work of its kind; but the increase of scholars has made the school so crowded, that it has been impossible to keep up the grade of studies, and the amount that can be reasonably appropriated by the town is not sufficient to keep the most efficient teachers. It is our purpose, therefore, to re-establish the academy and conduct a school of a higher grade commensurate with the needs of that section.

It would afford an opportunity for those wishing to prepare for the higher schools and colleges of the State to prose-

cute their studies at a cost lessened by nearness to their own homes, and in general would infuse new life into the cause of education in western Washington, and eastern Hancock county.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 13, 1895. }

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

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*