

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Eighth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 152.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of Monmouth Academy.

Resolved, That the sum of five hundred dollars yearly, for
2 two years, be and hereby is appropriated to Monmouth
3 Academy, an institution of learning located in the town of
4 Monmouth, in the county of Kennebec.

Provided, however, that this appropriation is made upon
6 the express condition that the trustees of said institution
7 shall maintain and keep in operation a school equal in rank
8 and grade of teaching with a first class academy, of not less
9 than three terms of ten weeks each during each year; and
10 provided further, that the governor and council and super-
11 intendent of common schools shall have a right at all times

12 to visit said school when the same shall be in operation;
13 and if in the opinion of the governor and council said insti-
14 tution shall at any time hereafter fail to fulfill the condition
15 of this resolve, they may in their discretion, withhold the
16 appropriation herein granted.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

When all the academies in the State asked for and received from the legislature of 1891 an annual appropriation of \$500 for ten years, Monmouth Academy was not included with the rest. The trustees did not at that time ask an appropriation. In 1893, however, they asked for \$500 a year, but it was granted for two years only. In 1895 another request was made, and the same amount given for two years more.

Monmouth Academy is as well located, has as many facilities, and is as good a school as most of the academies receiving a ten years appropriation. There are at the present time about twenty-eight academies in the State receiving an annual grant, and the trustees of Monmouth Academy simply request that the appropriation which they have received for four years may be continued for two years more in order that they may share alike with the other academies.

A number of years ago a defaulting town treasurer of Monmouth, who was also treasurer of the academy, misappropriated a large amount of its funds, and since that time unfortunate investments in western lands have greatly depreciated the remainder, so that at the present time it would be impossible to run the academy without this appropriation from the State.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

February 25, 1897.

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

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*