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# Sixty-Eighth Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 162.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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RESOLVE in favor of Wilton Academy.

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*Resolved*, That the sum of eight hundred dollars is  
2 hereby annually appropriated for the term of two years to  
3 Wilton Academy, an institution of learning in the town  
4 of Wilton, in the county of Franklin ; provided, however,  
5 that the appropriation is made on the express condition  
6 that the trustees of said institution shall maintain and keep  
7 in operation a school equal in rank and grade of teaching  
8 with a first-class academy, and provided, further, that the  
9 governor and council, and superintendent of common  
10 schools shall have a right at all times to visit said school

11 when the same shall be in operation ; and if, in the opinion  
12 of the governor and council, said institution at any time  
13 hereafter shall fail to fulfill the conditions contained in  
14 this resolve, they may in their discretion, withhold the  
15 appropriation herein granted.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS.

Wilton Academy was organized in 1866 ; commenced operation in 1867, and since that time has been in operation and has done a noble work.

During the past six years over \$3,000 has been raised by subscription, and expended in enlarging and repairing the building and adding a chemical laboratory and library, so that we now have a large and convenient building, and modern school appliances.

In 1894 the average attendance was 55 ; in 1895 it was 76 ; while in 1896 it amounted to 92. Its tutorial board has been increased to four in number, of whom three are college graduates.

While it maintains a college preparatory course on an equal with any fitting school in the State, its English course stands without an equal in the State.

It is the only academy in Franklin County and among its students are enrolled pupils from Wilton, Jay, Carthage, Chesterville, New Sharon, Farmington, Temple, Kingfield, Phillips and Weld, as well as students from Oxford and Androscoggin counties.

The school is non-sectarian and has no endowment, although the town of Wilton is raising \$1,000 per year for its support.

It is impossible to successfully carry on the work already built up with the present funds, and we feel no institution in the State can make a better showing for judicious use of the funds received from either State or individuals than can Wilton Academy ; and this appropriation is absolutely necessary for its support.

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
February 26, 1897.

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

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk*