

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Ninth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 55.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of Monmouth Academy.

Resolved, That the sum of five hundred dollars yearly for two
2 years, be and hereby is appropriated to Monmouth academy,
3 an institution of learning, located in the town of Monmouth, in
4 the county of Kennebec; provided, however, that this appro-
5 priation is made upon the express condition that the trustees of
6 said institution shall maintain and keep in operation a school
7 equal in rank and grade of teaching with a first class academy,
8 of not less than three terms of ten weeks each during each year
9 and provided further, that the governor and council and super-
10 intendent of common schools shall have a right at all times to
11 visit said school when the same shall be in operation; and if in

12 the opinion of the governor and council said institution shall at
13 any time hereafter fail to fulfill the condition of this resolve,
14 they may in their discretion, withhold the appropriation herein
15 granted.

STATEMENT OF FACTS ACCOMPANYING RESOLVE IN
FAVOR OF MONMOUTH ACADEMY.

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.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Augusta, February 7, 1899.

Reported by Mr. RYERSON of North Livermore, from Committee on
Education, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*