

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Sixty-Ninth Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 129.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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### RESOLVE in Favor of Freedom Academy.

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*Resolved,* That there be and is hereby appropriated the  
2 sum of five hundred dollars per year, for the years of one  
3 thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine and one thousand  
4 and nine hundred, to be paid to the trustees of Freedom  
5 Academy, an institution of learning situated in Freedom, in  
6 the county of Waldo, for the use of said academy. Provided,  
7 however, that the appropriation is made on the express con-  
8 dition that the trustees of said institution shall maintain and  
9 keep in operation a school equal in rank and grade of teach-  
10 ing with a first-class academy; and provided further, that  
11 the governor and council and superintendent of schools  
12 shall have the right at all times to visit said school when the  
13 same shall be in operation; and if in the opinion of the gov-<sup>s</sup>

14 ernor and council, said institution at any time hereafter shall  
15 fail to fulfill the conditions contained in the resolve, they  
16 may in their discretion withhold the appropriation herein  
17 granted.

### STATEMENT OF FACTS.

Freedom Academy was incorporated in 1836, and during the sixty-three years of its existence has received no aid from the State except for the years 1897 and 1898 when five hundred dollars was appropriated, depending entirely for its revenues upon tuition and private donations.

It is the only academy in Waldo county, and affords the sole opportunity to the sons and daughters of the farmers to acquire an education, serving an extended region, not confined alone to Waldo county but taking in students from adjoining counties.

The building is one of the best in the State having recently been put into thorough repair. For the past year, the average number of students has been 108 per term.

It will be impossible to keep the school up to its present efficiency unless the appropriation be continued.

STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, February 16, 1899.

Reported by Mr. MERRILL of New Gloucester, from Committee on  
Education, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*