

Sixty-Ninth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 137.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE providing for an Office for the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game in the State House.

Resolved, That the sum of one thousand dollars be and 2 hereby is appropriated for the purpose of providing an office 3 for the department of inland fisheries and game in the State 4 House.

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STATEMENT OF FACTS.

It will be conceded that this department is one of growing importance to the State. It has never had an office in the State House, or elsewhere, until a few months since, by the kindly courtesy of Col. E. C. Stevens, Superintendent of Public Buildings, this department has been permitted to occupy a room as an office in the basement.

An order has been passed by the legislature assigning the basement of the northerly wing to this department for an office, and for the purpose of exhibiting mounted specimens of the wild animals, birds and fishes of Maine.

In order to provide for the carrying out of this order, to put the room assigned in proper shape, one thousand dollars is required.

The office work of this department has greatly increased in the last few years. More than seven thousand letters were received by it during the last year, and it is safe to say that no office in the State House is so much visited as this one.

The people of the State generally, it is believed, will cordially approve of this appropriation to provide a suitable office for the department of inland fisheries and game.

A careful estimate of the cost has been made by the superintendent and on the most modest and economical plan the above sum will be required, and no more can be expended for this purpose than is appropriated by this resolve.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, February 17, 1899.

Reported by Mr. WOODBRIDGE of Newcastle, from Committee on Public Buildings, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, Clerk.