

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Ninth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 237

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of Wiscasset Academy.

Resolved, That the sum of five hundred dollars be and is
2 hereby appropriated annually for two years to aid Wiscasset
3 academy; provided, however, that this appropriation is
4 made upon the express condition that the trustees of said
5 institution shall maintain and keep in operation for at least
6 twenty-four weeks per year, a school equal in rank and
7 grade of teaching with a first-class academy and that if in
8 the opinion of the governor and council, said institution shall
9 fail to fulfill this condition they may, in their discretion, with-
10 hold the appropriation herein granted.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

Wiscasset Academy was incorporated March 12, 1808, by the Great General Court of Massachusetts. It existed as a very popular academy for many years, graduating men who have filled many eminent positions in life. Sometime in the sixties it ceased to do business as an academy, since which time, Wiscasset has maintained some form of high grade school. At the time the free high school law was enacted, Wiscasset established a high school under that law and has maintained the same since. Pupils from some four or five towns are accommodated. Wiscasset's burden of taxation is very heavy, the rate being .025 on a high valuation, and the only way she can continue this high grade school is to obtain the charter asked for, with a small appropriation.

The attendance averages some 65 pupils. Tuition is very low, \$4.00 per term, for pupils from other towns, thus allowing many poor boys and girls an opportunity for an education which they otherwise would not have.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Augusta, March 2, 1899.

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

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*