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NEW DRAFT.

Sixty-Ninth Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 87.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of Greely Institute.

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

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

Greely Institute, located at Cumberland Centre, was founded through the liberality of Hon. Eliphalet Greely, a native of Cumberland, in 1868. Since that time it has been an important educational factor in the town of Cumberland and in the surrounding towns.

From its founding it has had in attendance a large number of scholars from the surrounding towns, several of which do not maintain a high school, and the scholars of these towns take advantage of the central location of Cumberland which makes it easily accessible for all; it also has had in attendance several from other parts of the State, and even from other states.

In 1858 the late Hon. Eliphalet Greely, by his last will and testament, left the sum of \$27,500 to establish a school in the said town of Cumberland of which sum \$20,000 was to be kept as a permanent fund. The bequest was accepted by the town, subject to the provisions of the will, and a building was erected and the school opened in the fall of 1868. Only because of the fact that the fund has been invested at a high rate of interest has it been possible to maintain the school, and the fund cannot much longer remain at the present rate of interest.

Of late the number of scholars has increased, and this necessarily involves an increase in the facilities of the school. Also up to the present time, the school has been maintained for only thirty-three weeks during the year, and in order to complete satisfactorily the academic course, the school year should be lengthened. The school located as it is should suitably fit students for the higher institutions of learning and better equip those who are unable to attend the higher institutions of learning, for the active duties of life.

The school is now maintained by the income from the fund and by uniting with the high school of the town. There is an average attendance of between 65 and 70 and with a slight increase in facilities many more could be kept in the school who now, after attending for a time go to other places. Students who satisfactorily complete either of the courses of study are granted diplomas at their graduation. This institution has never before received aid from the State.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, March 2, 1899.

Reported by Mr. CHAMBERLAIN from Committee on Education, and
laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary.*