

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# SEVENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

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SENATE.

No. 107

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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RESOLVE in relation to York Deeds and Maine Wills.

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*Resolved,* That the governor and council are hereby authorized to purchase for the State two hundred and fifty copies of the first five volumes of York Deeds, at five dollars per volume, and one hundred copies of Maine Wills, at four dollars per volume, bound as the York Deeds now in the State library are bound, to be distributed or exchanged at the discretion of the State librarian, and that the sum of sixteen hundred and fifty dollars be and is hereby appropriated for that purpose.



## STATEMENT OF FACTS.

In the contract for the purchase of the first volumes of the York Deeds the State took only one-half as many of each as are now taken of later volumes. The York Deeds have been placed in all our colleges and free libraries within the past two years, but in almost every instance the first four or five volumes are wanting. It is of great importance to these institutions that their sets should be completed. It is obvious that this can be accomplished only through the purchase and distribution of volumes 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, now in the possession and the property of Charles B. Thurston of Portland, who succeeded to the estate of his father, the late Brown Thurston, publisher of the York Deeds prior to volume 11.

Mr. Thurston also has one hundred copies of the Maine Wills which are of great value to our historians and libraries. He offers these deeds and wills at the original prices, though their scarcity in the market might well justify an advance over those prices.

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE, February 22, 1905.

Reported by Mr. POTTER from Committee on the Judiciary and laid  
on table to be printed under joint rules.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary*.