

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

SENATE.

No. 203

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in aid of erecting a building at Van Buren College
for college purposes.

Resolved: That the sum of fifteen thousand dollars be and
2 the same is hereby appropriated to be paid to the president
3 and trustees of Van Buren College, seven thousand five hun-
4 dred on the first day of September, 1907, and the sum of
5 seven thousand five hundred dollars on the first day of Sep-
6 tember, 1908, for the purpose of aiding in the erection of a
7 building for college purposes at Van Buren College in the
8 town of Van Buren, said building when completed to cost
9 not less than forty-five thousand dollars.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

Van Buren College was incorporated by virtue of Chapter 407 of the Private and Special Laws of 1889, and by chapter 135 of the Private and Special Laws of 1899, it was authorized to confer degrees. The institution has been in actual operation some twenty years and has been absolutely self-supporting. The entire cost of one year's attendance comprising board, washing, books, etc., is only one hundred thirty dollars for the academic year. It necessarily results therefrom that there is but a small margin out of which to acquire a surplus with which to build additional buildings. On account of the greatly increased number of students in attendance and applying for admission, it becomes a matter of absolute necessity to furnish increased accommodations, and so an additional building considerably larger than the principal building now existing has become an absolute necessity. The precise cost cannot be definitely stated, but will be \$45,000 and may reach \$60,000 or even more. It has become necessary to apply to the legislature for assistance, as is contemplated by the Constitution, Article VIII, for the sole purpose of obtaining assistance in erecting the requisite building. This college is situated at a distance of 225 miles from the nearest college in the state, viz.: the University of Maine. Its existence in Northern Maine makes it possible for many young men to acquire a college education of the highest order, which without it would be impossible.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, March 7, 1907.

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

F. G. FARRINGTON, *Secretary*.