

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE.

No. 137

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVES, relating to the Documentary History of Maine.

Whereas, the Maine Historical Society proposes to publish
2 annually a volume in a series of volumes containing the
3 earliest documents, charters and other State papers illustrat-
4 ing the history of Maine; and,

Whereas the funds of the society derivable from its
6 annual income are insufficient for this purpose; and
7 whereas, other states have, at great expense, procured and
8 published their documentary history at the public expense,
9 therefore,

Resolved: That the Governor and Council are hereby
11 authorized to enter into contract with the Maine Historical
12 Society to afford encouragement in aid of such publication,
13 and to subscribe for, or cause to be published in concurrence

14 with said society, the same number of copies as of the vol-
15 ume of acts and resolves, not, however, to exceed one thou-
16 sand copies in all, and to be distributed in the same manner ;
17 the said volumes to be properly edited with suitable notes by
18 said society without expense to the State ; provided, that the
19 whole number of volumes annually distributed for the use
20 of the State shall not exceed the price of two dollars per
21 volume, or not less than five hundred pages each, with suit-
22 able indexes and proper binding.

Resolved: That all copies not required for distribution, in
24 compliance with existing laws, as provided in this resolve,
25 shall be deposited for safe keeping in the State library, and
26 subject to the further disposition of the legislature.

Resolved: That the sum of five thousand dollars be and
28 hereby is appropriated for the purpose of carrying out this
29 resolution, the said sum to be expended under the direction
30 of the Governor and Council, as herein provided.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE,

February 5, 1909.

Reported by Mr. HOWES from Committee on Library and
laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

F. G. FARRINGTON, *Secretary*.