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STATEMENT OF FACTS IN CONNECTION WITH RESOLVE HAVING REFERENCE TO THE PRESERVATION OF PUBLIC ARCHIVES. (SENATE DOCUMENT NO. 106).

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The Civil War correspondence of the three war Governors and Adjutant General of Maine remained in the basement of the Capitol until 1909. In all this time it was inaccessible and otherwise unavailable. In fact its existence was almost unknown until it was brought to light in the investigations made at the Capitol by the Public Archives Commission, whose report has since been published by the United States government. The State Historian was present when the discovery was made, and shortly after he received permission from the Governor and Council to take this correspondence to his residence for the purpose of arranging it chronologically, pressing it, repairing it wherever necessary, mounting it and card-cataloguing it. It makes one hundred and sixty large volumes. Seventy-eight volumes have been completed and placed in the care of the Adjutant General, suitably bound. Work on the eighty-two remaining volumes is in progress. The appropriation called for in the resolve is for the completion of this work and of other work of a like pressing nature already undertaken by the State Historian. To leave it in its present condition is like leaving a volume in a printing office half printed.