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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

NO. 387

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*In Senate, Feb. 27, 1913.*

*Reported by Senator Dutton from Committee on Library,  
and ordered printed under joint rules.*

*W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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RESOLVE relating to the publication of "The Beginnings of  
Colonial Maine."

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*Resolved,* That there be and hereby is appropriated the  
2 sum of five hundred dollars for the year 1913, and five  
3 hundred dollars for the year 1914, to be expended under  
4 the direction of the governor and council, by the state his-  
5 torian for the purpose of defraying the expenses, in part,  
6 for the publication of "The Beginnings of Colonial Maine."



## STATEMENT OF FACTS.

Hon. James Sullivan published his "History of the District of Maine" in 1795. Hon. William D. Williamson published his "History of the State of Maine" in 1832. Since these well-known histories were written many new and better sources of information than were in the possession of the earlier writers have been discovered. Especially is this true with reference to the beginnings of our history—the half century and more before Maine became a part of Massachusetts. But while at the meetings of the Maine Historical Society, attention from time to time has been called by members of the Society to the results of modern research, the story of the beginnings of our colonial history has not been presented by any one as a connected whole and in the light of this new material. The State Historian is now engaged in preparing a work on "The Beginnings of Colonial Maine," and expects to have it ready for publication in two volumes next year. He receives no compensation as State Historian and asks for no compensation as the author of this work; but as the act of the Legislature authorizing his appointment makes it one of his duties "to compile historical data of the State of Maine," he looks to the State for assistance in publishing this data and so securing its publicity. The entire edition becomes the property of the State, and will be distributed like other State publications under the direction of the State Librarian.