

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 630

In Senate, March 27, 1913.

Reported by Senator Boynton from Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

RESOLVE in favor of providing suitable Storehouse for
Military Property.

Resolved, That there be and is hereby appropriated for the
2 year nineteen hundred and thirteen the sum of five thou-
3 sand dollars for the construction of a military storehouse in
4 Augusta, the same to be expended under the direction of
5 the adjutant general of the State.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

In order to meet Federal requirements and keep the National Guard fully uniformed, armed and equipped for field service, it has been necessary within the past few years to greatly increase the amount of military property in store at Augusta. This property is now kept in wooden storehouses on the campground and in a small story-and-a-half house in the rear of the State House. These buildings have been repeatedly condemned by United States inspecting officers and are inadequate as to room, afford no fire protection and by reason of their scattered situation greatly increase the cost of caretaking and transfer. At the time the storehouses on the campground were constructed the National Guard went into camp annually at Augusta. At the present time one-half the National Guard (the Coast Artillery) encamps at Fort Williams in Portland and the other half (the Infantry) engages every other year in joint maneuvers or camps of instruction with the Regular Army outside the State. Therefore, it is no longer convenient or desirable to keep large quantities of military stores at the campground. To provide a suitable storage building for all military supplies would require an expenditure of not less than \$10,000 but for the sum of \$5,000 a building can be erected which will accommodate the clothing and smaller articles of equipage and equipment now stored in the wooden building in the rear of the State House, these stores being valued at upwards \$30,000. This sum will afford a measure of relief and by subsequent additions sufficient storage can ultimately be secured for all military supplies.