

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 829

House of Representatives, March 17, 1915.

Reported by Mr. St. Clair from Committee on Military Affairs and ordered printed under joint rules.

C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

RESOLVE in Favor of the Maine Society of the Sons of the American Revolution to provide Markers for the Unmarked Graves of the Soldiers of the Revolution.

Resolved, that there be and hereby is appropriated the sum
2 of Eight Hundred Dollars to be paid to the Maine Society
3 of the Sons of the American Revolution for the purpose of
4 erecting Markers at the unmarked graves of the Soldiers
5 of the American Revolution, the same to be expended un-
6 der the direction of Frederic E. Boothby, Convers E. Leach,
7 Philip F. Turner, Murray B. Watson and J. L. Merrick, a
8 committee chosen by said Society for that purpose.

A STATEMENT OF FACTS HERETO ATTACHED
MARKED EXHIBIT "A."

Exhibit "A."

A careful examination at the Maine Historical rooms in Portland, recently made by Rev. Joseph Battell Shepherd, Secretary, discloses by actual count, that there are at least 1600 unmarked graves of Soldiers of the American Revolution in this State.

Many have already been marked, some by the Sons and some by the Daughters of Maine, but neither society has any funds for that purpose, neither are the Grand Army posts in position to aid in the cause.

As Maine owes its being to the old soldiers who settled here after the war, taking up lands etc., it is deemed only fair and right that the State should share the burden. The markers will cost fifty cents each.

At the last annual meeting of the Maine Society it was unanimously voted to ask the Legislature for such an appropriation, that the work may be completed.