

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 851

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*House of Representatives, March 18, 1915.*

*Reported by Mr. Thibodeau from Committee on Library,  
and ordered printed under joint rules.*

*C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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RESOLVE in favor of the Maine State Library.

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*Resolved, That there be and hereby is appropriated the*  
2 *sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for the purpose*  
3 *of restacking and rearranging the main room of the library;*  
4 *such sum or any part of it as is necessary to be expended*  
5 *under the direction of the governor and council.*



### STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The law library alone in the state house has an estimated value of one hundred and six thousand dollars and is increasing in size by necessary exchanges, purchases and donations at the rate of over two thousand volumes yearly. Owing to the lack of stack room, much of this valuable library is not only not available for practical use but is actually inaccessible. At the time of the remodeling of the state house a few years ago, more room was provided for the library, but no part of the appropriation was available for new stacks or for fireproof depositories for any of the priceless historical documents in possession of the state. There is a constant demand on the part of the people of Maine of all trades and professions that the library be put in such shape that it may better serve its intended purposes.