

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

NO. 87

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*In Senate, Feb. 11, 1915.*

*Ordered, That five hundred copies be printed and that the same be referred to the Committee on Library.*

*Committee on Reference.*

*Presented by Mr. Cole of York.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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RESOLVE, in favor of an appropriation to restore the early records in the office of the clerk of courts for York county.

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*Resolved, That there be and hereby is appropriated the*  
2 *sum of nine hundred dollars for restoring and rebinding*  
3 *the first six volumes of the records of the courts of Maine*  
4 *in the office of the clerk of courts for York county; said*  
5 *appropriation to be expended under the direction of the*  
6 *clerk of courts for York county.*



### STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The first volumes of records in the office of the clerk of courts for York county are among the earliest public records existing in New England, commencing about 1630; they are the first records of the courts of Maine and are the foundation of the records of the courts now existing in all the counties. Nearly all of these records are legible, but they are badly out of their bindings and each sheet should be covered with a transparent silk covering which will extend the life of the volume for an indefinite period. Such a treatment will cost one hundred and fifty dollars per volume, and as these records are of the greatest interest to the entire state, this appears to be an expenditure which should be borne by the state rather than the county.