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SENATE

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Reported by Mr. Higgins from Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and ordered printed under joint rules. IV. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEEN

RESOLVE, for indexing the document filed by the Legislature of Maine since eighteen hundred twenty, now in the office of the Secretary of the Senate.

Resolved: That there be and hereby is appropriated the 2 sum of one thousand dollars to be paid, at the discretion of 3 the Governor and Council, to W. E. Lawry, Secretary of the 4 Senate, for properly filing and indexing the papers and docu-5 ments in the office of the Secretary of the Senate, which 6 have been filed by the Legislatures since eighteen hundred 7 twenty and are not now properly filed and indexed. · · ·

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STATEMENT OF FACTS.

Many of the papers left by previous legislatures are of more value for historians, legislators, attorneys and State officers, than are the matters which have become law. At present it is impossible to find various reports, bills, resolves, petitions and other papers, filed previous to 1909. These papers should be indexed at once and the work should be done in such a way that future Legislatures may have the use of these documents readily.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. LAWRY,

Secretary of the Senate.