

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 328

In Senate, March 14, 1917.

*Reported by Mr. Butler of Knox from Committee on Military
Affairs and ordered printed under joint rules.*

W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

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

RESOLVE, in Favor of the General Knox Chapter of the
Daughters of the American Revolution, of Thomaston, Maine,
and the Knox Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Resolved: That the sum of twelve thousand five hundred
2 dollars for the year nineteen hundred and seventeen and the
3 sum of twelve thousand five hundred dollars for the year
4 nineteen hundred and eighteen be and is hereby appropriated
5 toward the erection, in said Thomaston, of a suitable build-
6 ing to be known as the Knox Memorial Building, in which
7 shall be assembled and collected, the furniture, mementos.

8 antiques and other personal effects formerly belonging to
9 General Henry Knox, one of the ablest American generals
10 during the Revolution, in active service from beginning to
11 end of that mighty struggle—the close personal friend of
12 Washington—his first Secretary of War and member of his
13 cabinet; who, at the close of the conflict, erected, on the banks
14 of the Georges, at Thomaston, the fine old mansion, “Mont-
15 pelier,” second only to Mt. Vernon in historic interest; also
16 to be used as a Museum to contain all obtainable relics of the
17 early white settlers and Indian tribes, and collections and ob-
18 jects illustrating the history of the locality and of the state,
19 and the fauna and flora of Maine.

Provided, that the sums hereinbefore appropriated shall be
2 available and deposited in Rockland and Thomaston (Maine)
3 banks, to be drawn therefrom by orders signed jointly by the
4 regent of said General Knox Chapter and by the President of
5 said Knox Academy, when it shall appear to the satisfaction
6 of the Governor and Council, that the sum of ten thousand
7 dollars (\$10,000) shall have been secured from other sources
8 for the purposes of procuring a suitable site, and erecting and
9 furnishing said memorial building.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

Major General Henry Knox, having previously acquired lands in the vicinity of Thomaston, Maine, and having built the mansion, "Montpelier," came to Thomaston, with his family, in 1795, and resided in the Mansion, there, until his death, October 25, 1806. General Knox was Secretary of War, first being elected by Congress and afterwards reappointed by President Washington, "Montpelier" became badly out of repair and when the Knox and Lincoln railroad was built, in 1871, it passing through what were the Knox grounds, between the farmhouse and "Montpelier" the latter was torn down.

General Knox Chapter and the Knox Academy are both duly incorporated under the laws of Maine.