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SENATE AMENDMENT "A" TO SENATE DOCUMENT
ENTITLED A RESOLVE IN FAVOR OF THE TOWN
OF PORTER.

SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 226

In Senate, March 15, 1919.

Tabled by Mr. Babb of Cumberland and 500 copies of the
Resolve and Amendment ordered printed.

P. F. CRANE, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Stanley of Oxford.

STATE OF MAINE

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

Amend said resolve by striking out in the first and second
2 lines thereof the words and figures "twenty-five thousand
3 dollars (\$25,000)," and inserting in the place thereof the
4 following:

5 'The sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for the year
2 1919 and a like sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for the
3 year 1920.'

RESOLVE, in Favor of the Town of Porter for School Pur-
poses.

Resolved: That the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars
2 (\$25,000) is hereby appropriated in favor of the town of

3 Porter in the County of Oxford, to assist said town in
4 erecting a suitable high school building therein, and that the
5 same be paid to the treasurer of said town. Provided that
6 said town appropriate at a regular or special town meeting
7 to be held during the year nineteen hundred and nineteen
8 and after the passage of this resolve, the sum of five thou-
9 sand dollars (\$5,000) and provided further that said
10 money be expended under the direction of the school board
11 of said town.

Sect. 2. This resolve shall not take effect unless the said
2 town of Porter at a meeting of said town as specified in
3 section one of this resolve shall vote to erect a suitable high
4 school building and appropriate the sum of five thousand
5 dollars (\$5,000) therefor.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The town of Porter is located on the extreme western border of Oxford County and has a population, under the last census, of 864. There are approximately 60 scholars of high school age and qualifications in said town. The valuation of said town is \$262,677; and the tax rate for the year 1918 was .033 and in addition thereto the village corporation assessed a tax of .005. The only building the town now has for its high school was erected over 30 years ago for common school purposes, heated by stoves, poorly ventilated and wholly inadequate for the purposes of a high school, so much so in fact, that the State Department of Education has notified said town that it must provide a suitable building for a Grade A school if one is to be maintained. The requirements of the school population demand the erection of a suitable building, but the financial condition of the town is such that it cannot provide the funds for that purpose without imposing unbearable tax burdens upon its people.

George W. Towle, late of Parsonsfield, Maine, in his will bequeathed to said town of Porter the sum of \$30,000 in trust, the income therefrom to be used and expended for the support and maintenance of a high school in the village of Kezar Falls in said town of Porter, with the proviso that scholars residing in that part of Parsonsfield known as Kezar Falls may attend said school without charge. Said fund has now been turned over to said town in part and the balance thereof will be paid to said town as soon as said estate can be fully settled.

Also one Elijah Fox of Haverhill, Mass., in his last will and testament bequeathed the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to that part of Porter known as Kezar Falls and ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to that part of Parsonsfield included in said Kezar Falls village in trust, the income therefrom to be used and expended for the support of a high school in said Kezar Falls.

The income from the above funds would splendidly support and maintain a grade A school, providing it with suitable apparatus and equipment and furnishing the scholars of Porter and Parsonsfield with the facilities to secure a liberal high school education at home. A building of sufficient size, equipment and architectural beauty should be erected for the benefit of the scholars of said towns and as a suitable recognition of

the bounty and high philanthropical purpose of those men who, by their benefactions, have made it possible for the boys and girls of said towns to receive the training and education necessary to prepare them for the privileges and obligations of citizenship.