

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 878                      House of Representatives, March 2, 1927.

Reported by Mr. McKnight from Committee on Library and  
laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Hale of Portland.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVEN

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RESOLVE, Providing for the Purchase of One Hundred  
Copies of Province and Court Records of Maine 1638-1668.

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Resolved: That the state librarian be, and hereby is, au-  
2 thorized, empowered and directed to purchase one hundred  
3 copies of the book entitled "Province and Court Records  
4 of Maine, 1638-1668," from the Maine Historical Society,  
5 at ten dollars a copy, and that the sum of one thousand  
6 dollars is hereby appropriated therefor.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS

The Maine Historical Society has in press a volume containing the existing unprinted records of the Province of Maine while under the governmental control of the Gorges family and of the Commissioners of King Charles II. For this purpose not only have the record books for this period, on file in the court house at Alfred, Maine, been carefully copied by Charles Thornton Libby, Esquire, the editor of the volume, but scattered records or attested copies have been obtained from the Public Record Office in London and from other depositories. The issue of two succeeding volumes is contemplated as soon as the Society's means afford, Volume II to include the records of the province while under the control of Massachusetts and until that colony set up a government under the Gorges charter, while Volume III will cover the periods of President Danforth and Governor Andros (1680-1689). These volumes will not only be a valuable contribution to the printed sources of Maine's governmental and political history, but they will also afford a picture of the social and economic conditions of the times.