

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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In Senate, March 5, 1931.

Reported by Senator Crockett of York from Committee on Library and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

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

RESOLVE, For the Purchase of the History of York, Maine.

Resolved: That the state librarian be authorized to purchase fifty copies of the History of York, Maine, by Charles Edward Banks, at a price not exceeding twenty dollars per copy (three volumes), said books to be exchanged or distributed at the discretion of the said librarian; and there be and hereby is appropriated for this purpose the sum of one thousand dollars.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

For the first time an adequate and definitive history of the ancient town of York, the first incorporated English city in America, which has been known successively as Bristol (1630), Agamenticus (1640), Gorgeana (1641), and York (1653), is now to be published, in three volumes.

The preparation of this history is the fulfillment of a purpose formed by the author in early manhood. As a result of many years searching in English archives, the origins of early families of York, whose descendants now reside in nearly every part of the country, have been located and set forth.

It will be recalled that Maine was a Royal Province founded by men loyal to the Crown until the territory was usurped by the Puritan Theocracy of Massachusetts; and until 1760 was the sole provincial shire town of Maine.

By inheritance and historic interest in his native state, the author is not only able to deal with the subject understandingly, but is equipped by a long familiarity with sources of documentary evidence preserved in England, France and elsewhere, relating to the colonial period in Maine. He is executing a filial duty, added to the satisfaction of completing the historical stories of one of the pioneer towns; and without purpose of financial gain.

General Banks is Assistant Surgeon General, U. S. P. H. S., (retired); author of *Life, Letters and Public Services of Governor Edward Godfrey* (1887); *Colonel Alexander Rigby and Province of Ligonía* (1885); *History of Martha's Vineyard* (1911); *Winthrop Fleet of 1630* (1930); *The Planters of Massachusetts Bay, 1620-1640*.