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In Senate, March 2, 1943.

Reported by Senator Owen of Kennebec from Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and laid on table to be printed under Joint Rules.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Sanborn of Cumberland County.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-THREE

RESOLVE, in Favor of the Maine Historical Society.

Maine Historical Society; appropriation for. Resolved: That there be and hereby is appropriated in favor of the Maine Historical Society the sum of \$2500 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1944, and the sum of \$2500 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1945; the same to be paid in quarterly payments commencing on October 1, 1943.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The Maine Historical Society among its other activities maintains a free public library in its rooms in Portland containing in the neighborhood of 30,000 volumes of historical subject matter besides an extensive collection of original manuscript material relating to the history of Maine. This library is consulted not only by members of the Society but by the public at large including many research workers from outside the state all of whom are accorded its free use. The revenues of the Society are derived from 3 principal sources: dues of its members, income from invested funds, and income derived from fees paid by summer visitors to the Wadsworth-Longfellow House which is owned by the Society. This latter source of income has until recently been by far the major factor amounting in earlier years to upwards of \$2,000 per annum. This amount diminished from year to year during the depression years and due to extraordinary conditions, the net income for the year just past was barely \$500. The only apparent alternative to assistance from the state is the closing of the library which would mean the practical end of the activities of the Society.