

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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RESOLVES

OF THE

EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED AT THE SESSION

WHICH COMMENCED ON THE SECOND DAY OF JANUARY, AND ENDED
ON THE TWENTY-SIXTH DAY OF FEBRUARY, ONE THOUSAND
EIGHT HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHT.

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under the direction of the Governor and Council, whenever such erection shall be by them thought advisable.

Resolved further, That the Governor, with the advice of Council, is empowered to authorize the purchase of the lime rock quarry and land adjoining to the Prison, being about three hundred feet in length and one hundred feet in width, and the sum of three hundred dollars is hereby appropriated for that purpose.

Resolved further, That the sum of three hundred and twenty three dollars is hereby appropriated for the purpose of completing the purchase of granite quarries, already contracted for.

Resolved further, That the sum of two hundred dollars is appropriated for finishing the Prison Yard, and completing and securing the wharf lately constructed for the reception of granite; and a further sum of four hundred dollars, for the purpose of building a gondola, for transporting the same, from the quarries to the wharf.

Resolved further, That the Governor, with advice of Council, be authorized to appoint a committee of two persons, to sit in the recess of the Legislature, and consider the statutes respecting the State Prison; all laws concerning crimes and punishments; and the rules, regulations and management of the Prison generally, and report the result of their examination, by bill, resolve or otherwise, at an early day of the session of the next Legislature.

Resolved further, That the sum of fifteen hundred and fifty dollars, and twelve and one half cents is appropriated, to the use of the Warden of the State Prison, being the amount of the balance due him on his account for purchases and disbursements for the use of said Prison, for buildings, wharf, and extension of the yard.

[*Approved by the Governor, February 9, 1828.*]

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, January 30th, 1828.

The Committee on Literature and Literary Institutions, to whom was referred the petition of Nathau Weston, Jun, and others, praying for a continuance of aid to the Gardiner Lyceum, have had the same under consideration and ask leave to REPORT—

That the Institution for which a continuance of public aid is requested, was established in the year eighteen hundred and twen^y / two, for the laudable and important purposes of furnish-

ing the means of education to those classes of the community who are engaged in active pursuits, and for whom a collegiate education was unnecessary and inappropriate. It was put in operation by private munificence, and has already received, in the same manner, a sum exceeding eight thousand dollars. It is possessed of a valuable chemical and philosophical apparatus; a library of useful scientific works and journals; a mineralogical cabinet, and a cabinet of natural history. It is under the direction of Instructors competent to discharge the important trusts devolving upon them; and the course of studies pursued in the Institution, is well adapted to qualify young men for usefulness and eminence in the several departments of active business. For the benefit of such as contemplate mercantile or commercial employments, some of the modern languages, indispensable for a well informed merchant or navigator, are taught. Instruction has been afforded in many instances to indigent scholars gratuitously—and indeed no one has been refused, and we have assurances that no one will be refused, from his inability to defray the expenses of tuition—means have also been provided by which such students have been enabled to defray, wholly or partially, their expenses. In these respects, the Institution may become of very great importance, by affording the opportunity for talent and intellect to burst through the restraints of poverty and obscurity and to shed upon the community the light of science and knowledge.

Since the Institution commenced its operations, the number of students who have been instructed there, for longer or shorter periods of time, is one hundred and ninety one. Many of these have completed the whole term of three years, some of whom are now engaged in important and useful employments in this and other States, rendering valuable services to society, and receiving emoluments proportioned to their skill and acquirements. Several have remained for shorter periods, having in view the attainment of but one particular science, such as surveying, mechanics, navigation, chemistry, &c. to which their undivided attention has been devoted. From the variety of studies which are here pursued and the different purposes for which scholars resort to said institution, it necessarily results that the Instructors should not only be men of high qualifications, but that they should also be more in number than in institutions where there is a similarity of pursuits, and a rigid adherence to an established course of instruction.

The Lyceum is now under the direction of three Instructors, and the annual amount of the expense is estimated at two thousand dollars. The income derived from tuition is not

far from ten hundred dollars. Said institution is in debt about two thousand dollars, and has due to it, payable at distant periods three thousand six hundred dollars. It is possessed of twenty acres of land, which by the terms of the grant cannot be sold, but is to remain for the purposes of a farm wherein agricultural experiments may be tried ; and where also indigent students may labor to defray their expenses. The said Lyceum has not received so much of public aid as several of the academies, and falls very far short of that given to the colleges in this State.

In view of the importance of this Institution to the State, and of the success which has already attended it ; and considering that without a continuance of public aid, it cannot be expected to accomplish to a full degree the valuable purposes for which it is so well adapted, the Committee recommend that the grant of one thousand dollars, which it has received during the three years past, be continued for three years succeeding, and for that purpose, a Resolve is herewith submitted.

J. CUSHMAN, *Chairman.*

CHAPTER XIX.

Resolve in aid of Gardiner Lyceum.

Resolved, That there be paid out of the treasury of this State to the Treasurer of the Gardiner Lyceum the sum of one thousand dollars, annually, for three years, for the use of said Institution.

[*Approved by the Governor, February 9, 1828.*]

CHAPTER XX.

Resolve in favor of Nathaniel L. Ingersoll.

Resolved, That there be paid out of the Treasury, to Nathaniel L. Ingersoll, on account of injury sustained while on Militia duty, six dollars a month, payable semiannually, to commence the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight, and to continue two years.

[*Approved by the Governor, February 11, 1828.*]