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## STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE, March 24, 1859.

The Committee on Education, to whom was referred the order of January 18, 1859, directing inquiry as to expediency of procuring a correct map of the State, to be supplied at a cheap rate to the several school districts for the use of the public schools,

### REPORT:

That every State requires a correct map of its territory. The character of its maps is a true indication of the measure of public intelligence in every community. Maine has now published a map of her territory. In many of the States of this Union, and in the neighboring British Provinces, State and Provincial maps have been published by their respective governments. In others, the government has aided their publication indirectly by the purchase of copies for public use. Massachusetts adopted, for many years, the latter policy, and encouraged the publication of Osgood Carlton's maps of the Bay State and the District of Maine nearly sixty years ago—copies of which are now very rarely met with, and command an exceedingly high price, as furnishing the best historical record of the times. That State also encouraged, in a similar manner, the publication, by Moses Greenleaf, of a map of that portion of her territory that has since then formed the State of Maine. Since the separation of Maine from Massachusetts, the ancient Commonwealth has caused a complete summary of her territory, and in 1844 published, at the expense of the State, a topographical and geological map, at a cost of more than \$150,000.

On the accession of Governor Lincoln to the office of Governor of Maine, he invited the late Moses Greenleaf to prepare and publish a State map on a more comprehensive scale. In his annual message to the Legislature in 1828, he says :

“ Amidst the train of objects following those before noticed, we see agriculture, commerce and the arts applying a power which, although not primary and creative, is doing much good to produce new and embellish old establishments. It would have been considered proper to have produced a statistical view of the results, except that it is known that an abler hand has grasped the subject, and will present a map, calculations and reasoning, which cannot but meet the wishes and encouragement of the Legislature, as such objects have received encouragement in several of the other States, and as they must receive encouragement or fail.”

Encouraged by these commendations, Mr. Greenleaf proceeded with his work, and the State made a small advance to aid its publication. It was projected on a scale that enabled its publisher to show the geographical position of Maine in reference to the then pending Boundary dispute, and give us a view of our relations to the Upper and Lower British Provinces. In his annual message in 1829, Governor Lincoln says :

“ Belonging to the subject of education is the dissemination of knowledge in every form. It becomes of consequence a duty to commend to your patronage two works, my acquaintance with one of which convinces my judgement that its distribution through New England would so add to the spirit of immigration and the value of our lands as to throw out of consideration the cost. I allude to a statistical work by Moses Greenleaf, whose eminent ability and distinguished topographical knowledge will be also illustrated by a map appurtenant to the work above mentioned.”

The Legislature of that year authorized the purchase of 500 copies and supplied a copy to each town in the State, its literary institutions, the public offices of this State, and the National Government. But before the completion of the work, the lamented death of Governor Lincoln took place, and soon after its issue, Mr. Greenleaf followed him. He died without receiving one cent of money for the labor of years; all the proceeds of sales of the map being unequal to pay the expense of its publication. It was en-

graved on copper plates, in the finest style of art, superior to any State map at that time published. At the expiration of fourteen years from the date of its publication in 1843, the son of Moses Greenleaf, and bearing the same name, paid \$500 to the publishers to obtain a title to the plates and copy right of this map, the sales during all this period not being sufficient to pay the expenses of publication. Mr. Greenleaf caused a new and corrected edition to be published, and in 1845 the Legislature authorized the purchase of 500 copies for distribution, paying one-fourth of the purchase money to the widow of the late Mr. Greenleaf, who then survived, but has since deceased.

A new and correct edition of this map is now wanted, and its distribution to the schools of the State would be of great public utility. The Committee do not feel prepared to recommend the distribution of the map to the public schools, but they propose to invite its proprietors and publishers to place the map within the reach of the school districts by a subscription for the ordinary number by the State, on condition that it be furnished the schools at the cost of publication, and for this purpose they report the following resolve :

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. WILLIAMSON, *Chairman.*



## STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE for the publication and distribution of the  
State Map.

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he is  
2 authorized to subscribe for five hundred copies of the  
3 State Map; and he is authorized to enter into con-  
4 tract therefor, on condition that the same shall be  
5 correctly engraved, with all the new county and town  
6 lines, canals, railroads, and other geographical and  
7 topographical information that shall show the changes  
8 of the last fifteen years; to be supplied to the State  
9 at a price not exceeding four dollars per copy; *pro-*  
10 *vided however*, that one copy of said map shall be sold  
11 to each school district in this State, to each of the  
12 counties in the State, and also one copy to each col-  
13 lege, seminary, academy, and other chartered literary  
14 institution in the State, at cost of publication, not to  
15 exceed two dollars per copy, for the term of two years  
16 after publication.

17 The Secretary of State shall cause one copy of said  
18 map to be distributed to each city, town and organiz-

19 ed plantation in this State; also one copy to each  
20 department of the United States government at Wash-  
21 ington, and to each State or Province in exchange for  
22 public documents; and place one copy in each of the  
23 public offices in the State house.

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IN SENATE, March 24, 1859.

ORDERED, That 350 copies of the Report and Bill be printed  
for the use of the Legislature.

ATTEST:

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*