

To Warren Rice Esq^r, Commissioner of the State of Maine for the County of Lincoln, in relation to Schools.

In pursuance of a resolve of the Legislature of the 24th of March 1835, and of your letter, addressed to the School Committee of this town, we offer you the following statements, which is done to the best of our knowledge. Viz.

First. There are eight School Districts in this town.

Second. Seven School Houses valued at eight hundred dollars.

Third. The average amount of Stationary & books furnished each scholar is three dollars fifty cents.

Fourth. There are Six hundred Scholars, male & female, ~~from~~ from, to twenty one years of age, admissible to Schools.

Fifth. The amount of private contributions to public Schools, is about one hundred twenty five dollars, in wood & board &c. annually.

Sixth. The School books in general use are,

The new National, Spelling book by Emerson, Webster's & Cummings.

The young reader, national reader, introduction to do. English reader, Parleys Magazine. The Bible.

Fisks grammar, Murrays & Engisols.

Fields Geography, Malt. Browns, Alneys & Worcester.

Walshes arithmetic, Kaineys, Colburns, Witches & Smiths.

Comstocks natural Philosophy.

Whelpless compend of history, Blakes Philosophy.

young Astronomer. Bowditch' navigators, Walkers dictionary, Barlows Algebra. Lavisac' French grammar.

Blairs Rhetoric. &c with some other books of minor importance.

We are clearly of opinion that the books used in each town, ought to be uniform in all the School Districts therein.

There appears to be too much apathy or neglect in the uniform attendance of the Scholars, on the schools.

It would seem moreover, that the qualifications of teachers, both male & female, ought to be of a

a much higher order, both as to literature & morals,
than is the case in a majority of instances at present.
many who are quite young & poorly qualified for
teachers, by offering to take comparatively low wages,
will get employ, to the exclusion of those much better
qualified, as to science, morals & government.

Mark Langdon Hill } School Comm^{ee}
And^{rs} Meigs }
Geo: Rogers } Phipsburg.

Phipsburg. October. 1835.

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