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To accompany the petition of Ralph Lerche, Edward C. Ashworth, George W. Porter, William A. Cowing and others for the appointment of a special unpaid commission (including members of the General Court) to investigate and study the matter of providing assistance and relief for the inhabitants of the towns of Granville, Tolland and Sandisfield and to protect the interests of the Commonwealth from certain economic conditions resulting from the purchase and use by the State of Connecticut of land in said towns for water supply or water shed purposes. State Administration.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Seven.

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RESOLVE ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL UNPAID COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE AND STUDY THE MATTER OF PROVIDING ASSISTANCE AND RELIEF FOR THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWNS OF GRANVILLE, TOLLAND AND SANDISFIELD AND TO PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF THE COMMONWEALTH FROM CERTAIN ECONOMIC CONDITIONS, INCLUDING THE LOSS OF TAXES, RESULTING FROM THE PURCHASE AND USE BY THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT, OR AGENCIES THEREOF, OF LAND IN SAID TOWNS FOR WATER SUPPLY OR WATER SHED PURPOSES.

1 *Resolved*, That an unpaid special commission to  
2 consist of the senator from the Hampden, Hampshire  
3 and Berkshire district, the members of the house of  
4 representatives from the sixteenth Hampden and the  
5 fifth Berkshire districts, the attorney general, the  
6 commissioner of public works, the commissioner of  
7 corporations and taxation, a selectman of each of the  
8 towns of Granville, Tolland and Sandisfield, to be  
9 chosen in each case by the selectmen of such town, is

10 hereby established for the purpose of making an  
11 investigation and study of the probable economic  
12 conditions and financial loss to said towns and to the  
13 commonwealth, including the loss of taxes and the  
14 damage to the farming and dairy industries resulting  
15 from the purchase of certain lands in said towns by  
16 the state of Connecticut or political subdivisions or  
17 agencies thereof, the removal of the buildings from  
18 said lands, the construction of reservoirs, the altera-  
19 tion, relocation and discontinuance of highways  
20 and the conversion of said lands into forest land and  
21 held for water supply or water shed purposes. The  
22 attorney general, the commissioner of public works  
23 and the commissioner of corporations and taxation,  
24 or any of them, if he so elects, may designate an  
25 officer or employee of his department to serve in his  
26 place on the commission. Said commission may  
27 require information of the department of agriculture,  
28 or any of the divisions thereof, and such other depart-  
29 ments, commissions and officers of the commonwealth  
30 as have or can obtain information in relation to the  
31 subject matter of this resolve. Said commission  
32 may travel within and without the commonwealth  
33 and may expend for clerical and other services and  
34 expenses, such sums, not exceeding, in the aggregate  
35 dollars, as may hereafter be appro-  
36 priated therefor. Said commission shall report to  
37 the general court the results of its investigation and  
38 study, and its recommendations, if any, together with  
39 drafts of legislation necessary to carry such recom-  
40 mendations into effect, by filing the same with the  
41 clerk of the senate on or before the first Wednesday  
42 in December in the year nineteen hundred and forty-  
43 eight.