

By Mr. Shattuck of Boston, petition of Matthew W. Bullock and Andrew B. Lattimore that they be declared the duly and legally elected members of the House from the Thirteenth Suffolk Representative District. Elections. January 11.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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The undersigned petitioners, citizens of the City of Boston, respectfully represent upon information and belief:

That they were the duly nominated Republican candidates in the Thirteenth Suffolk District for members of the House of Representatives for the year 1921, and that they were defeated at the election held November 2, 1920, by a plurality placed according to the figures in a recount at Ninety-two (92) and One Hundred Thirty-seven (137) respectively; that certain persons registered and duly entitled to vote were willing and prepared to vote for your petitioners at said election; that such persons did not vote through fear and intimidation, caused by a circular letter bearing the title, "Massachusetts Election Commission", and purporting to be signed by Mrs. Malcolm A. Webster, Secretary, a copy of which is attached hereto, which letter was received by them through the mail; that said letter stated that there had been presented to the office of the Massachusetts Election Commission evidence to the effect that the recipient of the letter had been illegally registered from the address at which he or she had registered, and that said Commission intended to see that the election law in regard to illegal registration, which was alleged to be Section 2 of Chapter 630 of the Acts and Resolves of the Legislature of Massachusetts of 1920, was enforced; that there is no such section or act as that alleged to be said section of said act; that the said recipients of the said letter, with few exceptions, which exceptions your petitioners believe to have been unintended, were colored voters; that said letters were sent to said voters

because it was believed by the sender or senders thereof that the said voters would be intimidated thereby, or were more likely to be intimidated thereby than would white voters; that the sitting members, Frank J. Burke and Timothy J. Driscoll, or either of them, had knowledge, were responsible for, or were concerned with the printing and distributing of said letter, or had knowledge thereof prior to the mailing thereof; that said sitting members, or either of them, thereby intimidated or caused to be intimidated said voters and committed or caused to be committed or connived at fraud in said election.

And your petitioners further allege that the aforesaid Frank J. Burke, the sitting member, in his public utterances both on the floor of the House of Representatives and elsewhere on divers occasions, has publicly and repeatedly stated that he did not represent or intend to represent a large number of the voters and other residents of his district, to wit, the colored voters and other colored residents of said district; that the aforesaid colored voters and other residents constitute nearly fifty per cent of the voters and other residents of said district; that the said Frank J. Burke, by the said public utterances and by the literature and other matter which he caused to be published during the political campaign immediately preceding the election of November 2, 1920, has consistently shown an attitude and purpose in relation to the said colored voters and residents inimical and hostile to them and of such a character as to render him wholly unfit and incapable of acting for and representing the said colored voters and other residents of said district; that the said attitude, purpose and character of the said Frank J. Burke make it wholly impossible for him faithfully and impartially to discharge and perform his duties as such representative as required by his oath of office and that he is unfit to act as and incapable of acting as such representative from said district.

And further, your petitioners allege that a certain circular, a copy of which is attached hereto and by reference incorporated herein, purporting to be signed by certain persons representing themselves as the "Citizens' Committee of Roxbury", was immediately prior to November 2, 1920,

distributed to the voters in the said Thirteenth Suffolk District; that the said circular contained certain statements of facts and certain allegations of opinion in regard both to the said sitting members and to your petitioners and strongly recommended the election of the said sitting members and advised the defeat of your petitioners; that both in the foreword to the voter appearing on the first page of said circular, and thereafter throughout the body of the said circular the said persons representing themselves as the said "Citizens' Committee of Roxbury" purported to be publishing their personal opinion of the said sitting members and of your petitioners, and purported to subscribe to and endorse the said statements of facts contained in the said circular, whereas, in fact, a large proportion of the said persons had never seen the circular which they purported to sign, a large proportion of said persons never signed the said circular nor authorized another to affix their signature thereto, and the majority of the said persons knew nothing of the circumstances and facts set forth in said circular over their names as purporting to emanate from them; that the said Frank J. Burke and Timothy J. Driscoll, the sitting members, or one of them, well knowing the facts set forth herein, prepared, printed, and distributed the said circular, or caused or were or was responsible for the preparation, printing, and distribution of said circular, and that thereby the said sitting members or one of them committed or caused to be committed a fraud in said election.

And your petitioners further are informed that the said sitting members, or either of them, committed other frauds or that other frauds were committed by various persons in their interest or in their employ, which your petitioners will more fully specify hereafter.

*Wherefore*, your petitioners pray that your honorable body will declare that your petitioners are duly and legally elected to and that they be given the seats in your honorable body now held by the said sitting members, or that such relief be given them as justice may require.

MATTHEW W. BULLOCK.  
ANDREW B. LATTIMORE.

THE MASSACHUSETTS ELECTION COMMISSION,  
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, MASS.

DEAR MADAM: — There has been presented to this office evidence to the effect that you have been *illegally* Registered from 71 Windsor St., Roxbury, Mass.

Below is a copy of the offended law.

The Massachusetts Election Commission intend to see that this law is strictly enforced, and will have officers there to see that it is.

Respectfully yours,

MRS. MALCOLM A. WEBSTER,  
*Secretary.*

REGISTRATION LAWS.

REVISED 1920. CHAPTER 630, SECTION 2.

Whoever makes a *false statement* to the Election Commissioners or any one of their duly appointed Registrars, concerning their *age, residence or birthplace*, or their *husband's age, residence or birthplace*, shall upon being found guilty of said *illegal* Registration, be fined the sum of \$500 and be imprisoned for a period of *one year* in State Prison.

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FOREWORD.

*To the Voter.*

We are now faced with the problems of reconstruction and it is essential that our State Government should be of a calibre to meet and solve them.

It is our duty as citizens of *Ward Thirteen* to examine the character and record of the various candidates for the House of Representatives so as to choose the best men.

When men aspire for public office they should present their case to the people as to who they are, what they are, and the principles for which they stand.

It is not uncharitable or inhospitable, to subject them to the searchlight of publicity that they may be placed before the voters in their true light.

REP. FRANK J. BURKE.

Residence: 11 Auburn Street, Ward 13.

Age: 35 years.

Birthplace: Roxbury, Mass., Now Ward 13.

Public record: Massachusetts Legislature, House of Representatives, 1917-1918-1920.

Served on the following committees: Public Lighting, Metropolitan Affairs, Special Recess Committee on Water Resources of the State, State Administration.

Opinion: His record indicates zeal and judgment in public service. He has had experience in the Legislature and has been a consistent supporter of all humane legislation, endeavoring at all times to benefit the State and city.

We strongly recommend his re-election.

Rep. TIMOTHY J. DRISCOLL.

Residence: 134 Vernon Street, Ward 13.

Age: 27 years.

Birthplace: Roxbury, Mass., now Ward 13.

Public record: Member of the Constitutional Convention, 1917-1918, Committee on Elections; Massachusetts Legislature, House of Representatives, 1918-1919-1920.

Served on the following Committees: Libraries, Insurance, Mercantile Affairs.

Opinion: His service in the Constitutional Convention and the Massachusetts Legislature was marked by his advocacy of all progressive legislation. He worked for the best interests of the State and also for local improvements in our district. His record indicates that he will render capable and efficient service in the Legislature.

We strongly recommend his re-election.

MATTHEW WASHINGTON BULLOCK.

Residence: 20 Sarsfield Street, now at 56 Windsor Street.

Age: 39 years.

Birthplace: Dabney, N. C.

Public record: None.

Opinion: A new man in our midst, we feel that the nature of his support is such as to render him an unfit candidate to represent the entire people of the district.

We advise his defeat.

ANDREW BERKELEY LATTIMORE.

Residence: 19 Greewich Street.

Age: 38 years.

Birthplace: Boston, Mass.

Public record: None.

Opinion: His affiliations and surroundings are such as to render him an unfit man to represent the whole people of this district.

We advise his defeat.

The above candidates have secured a nomination on the ticket of a great political party. They now seek to secure an election through subterranean and dark lantern methods, hoping that they might be swept into public office on an impending political tidal wave.

Respectfully submitted by the Citizen's Committee of Roxbury:—

EDWARD R. BROWNE, Jr., *Chairman*, 4 Dudley Pl.  
EDWARD F. POWELL, 81 Roxbury St.  
JAMES L. TRAYERS, 74 Roxbury St.  
PATRICK E. MURRAY, 14 Auburn St.  
LUKE E. SHIELDS, 81 Circuit St.  
SAMUEL J. WILLIS, 18 Dana St.  
JOSEPH A. R. COMEAU, 43 Cliff St.  
WILLIAM H. POWDERLY, 131 Dudley St.  
WINSLOW CARLSON, 1280 Tremont St.  
GAETANO CONTI, 1829 Washington St.  
CARL B. OLSON, 84 Williams St.  
JAMES H. MOLASKEY, 2 Sumner Pl.  
Mrs. LENNA FARRENKOFF, 14 Lamont St.  
Mrs. LOUIS J. BROPHY, 6 Kent St.  
Mrs. BERNARD H. MAGEE, 8 Sumner Pl.  
Miss ANNIE WOODWARD, 9 Lamont St.  
Mrs. JOHN GATELY, 26 Linden Park St.  
Mrs. HANNAH GREEN, 1 Gay St.  
Mrs. MARGARET KENNEY, 13 Linden Park St.  
Mrs. THOMAS GATELY, 4 Malbon Pl.  
Mrs. MARGARET KILDUFF, 9 Dallas Pl.  
Miss ELLA F. MILLS, 992 Columbus Ave.

You vote in Ward 13.

Polls open from 6 A.M. until 5 P.M.



