

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,  
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, May 24, 1943.

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:*

A Committee has been formed in the Town of Dedham to commemorate suitably the three hundredth anniversary of the first free public school in America to be supported wholly by public taxation. This celebration is to be held during the year 1944.

From investigations already conducted at the time of the two hundred and fiftieth celebration of this event, it became quite apparent that Dedham was the proper place for a monument to this event, and in the year 1897 a stone was erected upon the church green with the following inscription:

"This tablet is erected by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to commemorate the establishment by the inhabitants of Dedham in town meeting assembled on the first of January, 1644, of a free public school to be maintained by general taxation. Near this spot stood the first school house built by the town".

1649

I, therefore, recommend that it would be highly appropriate for the General Court to commemorate this event by resolution, and by having the Commonwealth represented in whatever manner the General Court deems fit at this celebration to be held in Dedham in 1944.

LEVERETT SALTONSTALL,  
*Governor.*

REPORT OF THE

COMMISSIONERS OF THE LAND OFFICE  
IN RESPONSE TO A RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
ON FEBRUARY 22, 1871  
RELATIVE TO THE LANDS BELONGING TO THE STATE OF NEW YORK

The following report was presented to the House of Representatives on March 1, 1871, by the Commissioners of the Land Office, in response to a resolution passed by the House on February 22, 1871, relative to the lands belonging to the State of New York.

The report contains a detailed account of the lands owned by the State, and the measures proposed for their disposal. It also contains a list of the lands which have been sold since the year 1860, and a statement of the proceeds of such sales.

The report is divided into two parts. The first part contains a general statement of the lands owned by the State, and the measures proposed for their disposal. The second part contains a list of the lands which have been sold since the year 1860, and a statement of the proceeds of such sales.

The report is a valuable document, and it is believed that it will be of great interest to the public.